The Hayner Public Library District

Serving Alton, Godfrey & Foster Township Winter 2025

Things to Know...
About The Hayner
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HOLIDAYS
The Library will be closed for the following holidays:
January 1, New Year's Day
January 20, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 17, Presidents' Day

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Keep Up-to-Date with Hayner Library on Riverbender.com's Our Daily Show and with Our Weekly Email Newsletter!

As patrons of Hayner Library know, the library is more than just books. We offer many programs, services, and collections for patrons of all ages—and we're always adding more!

There are many ways to keep up with everything that's happening at the library. Quarterly, we mail our print newsletter to each household in the District, our monthly KidsSpace and TeenSpace newsletters are available on our website and at the library, and our social media accounts are updated daily.

We also have a regular segment entitled "Beyond the Shelves with Hayner Library" on Riverbender.com's *Our Daily Show*. Visit Riverbender.com on the first and last Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. to learn about all the exciting free programs, services, and collections at Hayner Library. We will also feature staff, patrons, and Board members discussing why they love the library and believe Hayner Library is a vital asset to our community. We will post the segments on our social media accounts so that you can easily share the information with your family and friends.

We also offer a weekly email to keep you updated on everything happening at the library throughout the week. Visit www.haynerlibrary.org to sign up, or ask a Library Assistant to add your email address to our mailing list!

Hayner Library Available for Community Outreach Presentations

Hayner Library is more than just books—and we'd love the opportunity to tell you more about the services and programs that we offer. If you belong to an organization in Alton, Godfrey, or Foster Township and you're looking for a guest speaker, please call Hayner Library Executive Director Mary Cordes at (618) 433-2877 or email mary.cordes@haynerlibrary.org.

Inclement Weather Closing Information

Winter is just around the corner, bringing the potential for snow and ice. To ensure the safety of our patrons and staff, the library may close should road conditions become too hazardous. If bad wintery weather is in the forecast, please call the library, visit the Hayner Library website, or check our social media pages before visiting one of our locations. Drive carefully!

FICTION—

Armstrong, Kelley. Cold as Hell: A Haven's Rock Novel

Bailey, Tessa. Dream Girl Drama

Balogh, Mary. Remember When: Clarissa's Story (Ravenswood Novel)

Beaton, M.C. Death of a Smuggler (Hamish Macbeth)

Benedict, Marie. The Queens of Crime

Berry, Steve. The Medici Return (Cotton Malone)

Black, Lisa. Not Who We Expected

Bohjalian, Chris. The Jackal's Mistress

Bowen, Rhys. Silent as the Grave (Molly Murphy)

Box, C. J. Battle Mountain (Joe Pickett)

Brennan, Allison. See How They Hide (Quinn & Costa)

Brown, Sandra. Blood Moon

Burke, Alafair. The Note

Childs, Laura. High Tea and Misdemeanors

Coben, Harlan. Nobody's Fool

Cosimano, Elle. Finlay Donovan Digs Her Own Grave

Crais, Robert. The Big Empty (Cole & Pike)

Dailey, Janet. Lie for a Million

Davis, Fiona. The Stolen Queen

Deveraux, Jude. Order of Swans

Dodd, Christina. Girl Anonymous

Donoghue, Emma. The Paris Express

Eskens, Allen. The Quiet Librarian

Estleman, Loren D. Smoke on the Water (Amos Walker)

Farnsworth, Christopher. Robert B. Parker's Buried Secrets (Jesse Stone)

Feeney, Alice. Beautiful Ugly

Finder, Joseph. The Oligarch's Daughter

Freeman, Brian. Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Vendetta

French, Nicci. The Last Days of Kira Mullan

Genova, Lisa. More or Less Maddy

Gerritsen, Tess. The Summer Guests (Martini Club)

Greaney, Mark. Midnight Black (Gray Man)

Grippando, James. Grave Danger: A Jack Swyteck Novel

Hazelwood, Ali. Deep End

Hendrix, Grady. Witchcraft for Wayward Girls

Holmes, Linda. Back After This

Hurwitz, Gregg. Nemesis: An Orphan X Novel

Jenoff, Pam. Last Twilight in Paris

Kellerman, Jonathan. Open Season: An Alex Delaware Novel

Krentz, Jayne Ann. Shattering Dawn

Lipman, Elinor. Every Tom, Dick & Harry

Maguire, Gregory. Elphie: A Wicked Childhood

Mallery, Susan. Beach Vibes

McAllister, Gillian. Famous Last Words

McConaghy, Charlotte. Wild Dark Shore

McFadden, Freida. The Crash

Meissner, Susan. A Map to Paradise

Michaels, Fern. Fight or Flight

Mosley, Walter. Been Wrong So Long It Feels Like Right: A King Oliver Novel

Moyes, Jojo. We All Live Here

Murray, Victoria Christopher. Harlem Rhapsody

Nesbø, Jo. Blood Ties

Patterson, James. Holmes is Missing (Holmes, Margaret & Poe)

Patterson, James. Paranoia (Michael Bennett)

Patterson, James. The Texas Murders

Patterson, James. The Writer: A Thriller

Peters, Amanda. Waiting for the Long Night Moon: Stories

Raybourn, Deanna. Kills Well with Others

Robb, J. D. Bonded in Death

Rollins, James. A Dragon of Black Glass (Moonfall)

Sandford, John. Lethal Prey

Shalvis, Jill. Better Than Friends

Sittenfeld, Curtis. Show Don't Tell: Stories

Steel, Danielle. Far From Home

Steel, Danielle. Never Say Never

Turow, Scott. Presumed Guilty

Tyler, Anne. Three Days in June

Unger, Lisa. Close Your Eyes and Count to 10

Willig, Lauren. The Girl from Greenwich Street: A Novel of Hamilton, Burr, and America's First Murder Trial

Yarros, Rebecca. Onyx Storm (Empyrean)

NONFICTION—

Adlington, Lucy. Four Red Sweaters: Powerful True Stories of Women and the Holocaust

Alford, Henry. I Dream of Joni: A Portrait of Joni Mitchell in 53 Snapshots

Baker, Josephine. Fearless and Free: A Memoir

Beck, Martha. Beyond Anxiety: Curiosity, Creativity, and Finding Your Life's Purpose

Bloom, Sahil. The 5 Types of Wealth: A Transformative Guide to Design Your Dream Life

Brooks, Geraldine. Memorial Days: A Memoir

Brown, Alton. Food for Thought: Essays and Ruminations

Comer, James. All the President's Money: Investigating the Secret Foreign Schemes That Made the Biden Family Rich

Dawson, Kate Winkler. The Sinners All Bow: Two Authors, One Murder, and the Real Hester Prynne

Dezenhall, Eric. Wiseguys and the White House: Gangsters, Presidents, and the Deals They Made

Dowd, Maureen. Notorious: Portraits of Stars from Hollywood, Culture, Fashion, and Tech

Fisher, Jefferson. The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Talk More

Franke, Shari. The House of My Mother: A Daughter's Quest for Freedom

Gillon, Steven M. Presidents at War: How World War II Shaped a Generation of Presidents, from Eisenhower and JFK Through Reagan and Bush

Hayes, Chris. The Sirens' Call: How Attention Became the World's Most Endangered Resource

Knox, Amanda. Free: My Search for Meaning

Leith, Prue. Life's Too Short to Stuff a Mushroom: Really Good Food Without the Fuss

Levy, Buddy. Realm of Ice and Sky: Triumph, Tragedy, and History's Greatest Arctic Rescue

Lewkowicz, Josef. The Survivor: How I Made It Through Six Concentration Camps and Became a Nazi Hunter

Longo, Valter. Fasting Cancer: How Fasting and Nutritechnology Are Creating a Revolution in Cancer Prevention and Treatment

Meltzer, Brad. The JFK Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill Kennedy--And Why It Failed

Miller, Donald. Building a Storybrand 2.0: Clarify Your Message So Customers Will Listen

Morrison, Susan. Lorne: The Man Who Invented Saturday Night Live

O'Connor, Mary-Frances. The Grieving Body: How the Stress of Loss Can Be an Opportunity for Healing

Oliver, Jamie. Simply Jamie: Fast & Simple Food

Orman, Suze. The Ultimate Retirement Guide for 50+: Winning Strategies to Make Your Money Last a Lifetime (Updated for 2025)

Pearl, Matthew. Save Our Souls: The True Story of a Castaway Family, Treachery, and Murder

Perry, Imani. Black in Blues: How a Color Tells the Story of My People

Shields, Brooke. Brooke Shields Is Not Allowed to Get Old: Thoughts on Aging as a Woman

Sielski, Mike. Magic in the Air: The Myth, the Mystery, and the Soul of the Slam Dunk

Steves, Rick. On the Hippie Trail: Istanbul to Kathmandu and the Making of a Travel Writer

Strobel, Lee. Seeing the Supernatural: Investigating Angels, Demons, Mystical Dreams, Near-Death Encounters, and Other Mysteries of the Unseen World

Vuolo, Jinger Duggar. People Pleaser: Breaking Free from the Burden of Imaginary Expectations

Watts, Naomi. Dare I Say It: Everything I Wish I'd Known about Menopause

Wiking, Meik. The Art of Danish Living: How the World's Happiest People Find Joy at Work

Zusak, Markus. Three Wild Dogs (and the Truth): A Memoir

KidsSpace *Winter 2025 Activities*

Stories with Panda Bear
Downtown Library KidsSpace
Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, and March 4, 11, 18, 25, at 10:00 a.m.
Come join us for stories, songs, music, and a snack. This story time is for children ages 2–4.
To register, call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

Baby Lap-Sit Story Time
Downtown Library KidsSpace
Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, and March 5, 19, 26, at 10:00 a.m.
Bring your little ones for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. This story time is for children ages birth–2.
To register, call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

Books and Busy Bees Story Time
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, and March 6, 13, 20, 27, at 10:00 a.m.
Come enjoy stories, songs, and a fun themed craft. This story time is for children ages 3–5.
To register, call (618) 433-2881.

Make-or-Take Crafts
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
Mondays, January 6, February 3, and March 3
Stop by the Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall and ask for your free Make-or-Take Craft. Crafts will be available on the first Monday of each month while supplies last.

Bite-Size Science
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
Fridays, January 10, February 7, and March 7
This fun, monthly S.T.E.A.M.-themed program happens on the first Friday of each month. Staff will prepare interactive kits for children to take home that demonstrate different S.T.E.A.M. concepts such as surface tension, earth science, anatomy, and robotics! Each kit will include an item list and the ingredients needed to do the activity. Adult assistance will be required for some of the activities. This program is designed for children ages 7–10 years old. Kits may be picked up from the Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall. For more information or to reserve a kit, call (618) 433-2881.

Lego Club
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
Tuesdays, January 14, February 11, and March 11, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Join us for an hour of building and creating Lego masterpieces! Hayner Library will supply the Legos. Lego Club will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. This program is for children ages 6–11. Limited space is available. To register, call (618) 433-2881.

Yoga Time for Kids
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Saturdays, January 25, February 15, and March 22, at 10:00 a.m.
Hayner Library KidsSpace would like to welcome back SonJoria Sydnor of Our Family's Doing Yoga! SonJoria will bring children's yoga to the library on the last Saturday of each month in January, February, and March. Come join us to learn new yoga poses and calming techniques that can help your child learn how to relax and deal with everyday stressful events. This class is for children ages 3–7 years of age.
Limited space is available! Registration is required to attend this program. Please call (618) 433-2881 to register.

Valentine's Day Card Drop-In Station
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
Children are invited to drop by KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall between Wednesday, February 5, through Friday, February 14, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to make a valentine for someone special. Adult supervision is required.

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Stuffed Animal Workshops
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
Saturday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m.

During this fun, interactive workshop, children ages 3–7 will experience an instant connection with their new stuffed friend from Zoo Factory. Each stuffed animal kit comes with a birth certificate, an unstuffed animal, a wishing star, and stuffing instructions so they can bring their friend to life. Limited space is available! Registration is required to attend this program. Please call (618) 433-2881 to register.

"Spring into Reading" Beanstack Challenge
March 3–March 29
Celebration: Saturday, March 29, at 2:00 p.m.
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
Performance Room

Join us this March as we "Spring into Reading". Children ages 2–11 are invited to bring in the spring season by reading books to help their brains grow! Check out books from the library and log them on the Beanstack app or at www.haynerlibrary.beanstack.org. Each week, children can earn a small prize for logging just one hour of reading! At the end of the challenge, a celebration for our readers will be held on Saturday, March 29, at 2:00 p.m. in the Performance Room, where Twist and Bounce will provide fun inflatable games! Registration opens on Beanstack on Monday, March 3.

Treasures in the Library
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall

Come to the Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall and follow the clues to see what treasures you can find. Treasure hunts will change biweekly. Stop by the KidsSpace desk for your first clue!

Dial-A-Story

Check out our new Dial-A-Story features! Children can now call and listen to an easy reader story (picture book) or a junior story (chapter book) read by one of our Hayner Library staff members. To listen, call (618) 462-TALE (618-462-8253). Dial-A-Story has been entertaining children for over twenty years. It is a safe, free, educational, and entertaining activity for children, available twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, from the comfort of home. Stories will change at the beginning of each month. Call Dial-A-Story now!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Reading Challenge

Calling all parents of children ages 0–4 years old! Did you know the enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills that help prepare them for kindergarten? All children who register for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten will have fun and receive prizes at each reading milestone. Visit www.haynerlibrary.beanstack.org and sign up today! For more information, call (618) 433-2881.

Reading Dragons

Do you like dragons, griffins, and unicorns? Do you want a new game to play with your friends? Then this is the challenge for you! For every thirty minutes that you read and log with the library, you earn a new mystical creature card. Watch as your dragon, unicorn, or griffin grows from an egg to an adult. It's easy! Come to the library to get your starter pack and start collecting today. For more information, call (618) 433-2881.

Tumblebook Library: Free e-Books for Children

Hayner Library offers e-book access for children through the Tumblebook Library. The collection is accessible with your Hayner Library card.

TumbleBook Library is an online collection of e-books for children. It is a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading. Tumblebook Library contains thousands of animated talking picture books, Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, nonfiction books, and exciting games and puzzles! Hayner Library subscribes to TumbleBook Library as a part of our digital collection. This free service is available for use from your home computer, smartphone, tablet, or other mobile devices. We hope that you will check out the collection with your child.

To access TumbleBook Library for Kids:

- Visit www.haynerlibrary.org
- Click on the "E-Books & Digital Collections" icon at the top of the page
- Select "E-Books & Digital Magazines" from the drop-down menu
- Click on the "TumbleBook Library" link

—or—

- Download the TumbleBooks app to your device
- Open the app and tap on the "Library" icon
- Enter your country
- Enter your state
- Tap "Next"
- Enter your library name (Hayner Public Library District)
- Enter your Hayner Library card number
- Tap "Log In"

TeenSpace

Winter 2025 Activities

For more information, to register for TeenSpace programs and events, or to learn more about these programs, please contact Megan at (618) 433-2872 or megan.dees@haynerlibrary.org.

Teen Take-Home Kits
Hayner Library TeenSpace at Alton Square Mall
Mondays, January 6, February 3, and March 3

Do you love science, art, or just like creating something with your hands? If so, stop by the Hayner Library TeenSpace at Alton Square Mall to pick up a Teen Take-Home Kit! Kits are available while supplies last.

January 6: Drinkable Potion
February 3: Macramé Cactus
March 3: Color-Changing Play-Doh

Teen Crime Stoppers
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
Performance Room Teen Center
Wednesdays, January 8, February 5, and March 5, at 4:00 p.m.

Calling all true crime and murder mystery fans! Put on your detective hat and join other sleuths to solve a mystery at the library. Participants will work together to examine clues, read case files, and figure out whodunnit. This event is designed for teens ages 13-18.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
Performance Room Teen Center
Wednesdays, January 15, February 12, and March 12, at 4:00 p.m.

What types of programs do you want to see at your library? Come be a part of the Teen Advisory Board, which makes decisions about new programs and events for teens at Hayner Library! This group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month.

Graphic Novel Writers Guild
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
Performance Room Teen Center
Wednesdays, January 22, February 19, and March 19, at 4:00 p.m.

If you love reading graphic novels and drawing, this program is for you! Meet us in Graphic Novel Writers Guild once per month.

Lego Challenge
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
Performance Room Teen Center
Wednesdays, January 29, February 26, and March 26, at 4:00 p.m.

Do you love Legos? Bring a friend and come join other teens to create complex builds and win prizes!

Draw to Impress
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
Performance Room Teen Center
Saturday, January 11, at 1:00 p.m.

Bring your drawing skills to this fun competition and win some great prizes while meeting other teens with similar interests.

Family Crime Stoppers
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
Performance Room Teen Center
Saturday, January 18, at 1:00 p.m.

Calling all families! Join your teen and put your detective skills to work to solve a crime! All participants must be over the age of twelve.

Teen Reading Challenge
January 1 through December 31

Love to read? Love to win prizes? Then this is the challenge for you! Each month, teens will be asked to read one book of a different genre and write a review to be entered into a drawing for a monthly gift card giveaway. At the end of the twelve months, if all twelve reading challenges have been completed, you will be entered into a grand prize drawing for some awesome prizes! This challenge begins January 1, 2025 and ends December 31, 2025. The prize winner will be notified by phone on January 6, 2026. Register for this reading challenge at www.haynerlibrary.beanstack.org or on the Beanstack app.

Grow Something Great! Free Seeds at Hayner Library

In addition to traditional items such as books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, and music CDs, and non-traditional library items such as telescopes, baking kits, fishing poles, projectors, tools, and other fun items in our Library of Things, Hayner Library also offers a seed library to patrons who wish to grow vegetables, fruits, flowers, and herbs!

Our seed library is available at all three Hayner Library locations. Stop by the library and select up to six packets of seeds to take home and plant. Each seed packet is labeled with the seed variety, sowing information, and plant-specific notes.

The current seed library contains:

- Flower seeds (aster, coneflower, marigold, sunflower, zinnia, partridge pea, swamp milkweed, black-eyed Susan, and lanceleaf coreopsis)
- Fruit and vegetable seeds (acorn squash, butternut squash, cantaloupe, cucumber, pumpkin, and zucchini)
- Herb seeds (basil, dill, oregano, parsley, and sage)

Our seed library is not just a collection—it's a community effort! We warmly encourage donations from your garden, enriching our seed library and providing a wider variety of seeds for all. We accept all kinds of commercially packaged and saved seed donations. If you're donating saved seeds, we ask that you fill out a form providing information such as variety, collection date, contact information, and growing notes to ensure the best possible use of your contribution.

But that's not all! The Hayner Library collection is a treasure trove for gardening enthusiasts, with hundreds of books and DVDs covering gardening, farming, and other agriculture-related topics. We even have gardening kits available for checkout, complete with a sun calculator, pH analyzer, and soil thermometer, to support your gardening journey!

It's not too early to start thinking about sowing your seeds for the spring. Whether you're a master gardener or this is your first time planting, we hope you'll stop by Hayner Library and take a look at our latest offering!

Three Photo Tips from the Genealogy & Local History Library

1. Do you have a photo of a place you can't identify?

Google.com can help:

- Save the image of your photo in a folder on your computer.
- On the Google website, click on "Image Search."
- Drag or upload your image from your folder to the "Image Search" bar and click on "Search."

Matches in Google Lens will include other identified pictures taken in the same place from the same vantage point as your photo.

2. Are you trying to date an old family photo?

In *Dressed for the Photographer: Ordinary Americans and Fashion, 1840 – 1900* (IR 391.0097309034 SEV), author Joan Severa explains how analyzing clothing styles and other details in old family photos can help date them.

3. Do you need to organize and preserve old family photos?

Author Denise May Levenick shares digital strategies in her book *How to Archive Family Photos: A Step-by-Step Guide to Organize and Share Your Photos Digitally* (IR 929.1 MAY). Her photo storage worksheet helps determine what works best for your needs.

Our February and March Branching Out genealogy classes also give us guidelines for organizing and preserving family documents and photos (paper and digital). Join our genealogy classes, or contact us to schedule an appointment for individual help at genealogy@haynerlibrary.org or (618) 462-0677, ext. 2892.

—Beth Phillips
Genealogy & Local History Library

Celebrate Black History Month: February 1 – February 28

In honor of Black History Month, check out a book and celebrate the creative spirit of the Black experience. You will find the books in this list to be inspiring, moving, and illuminating. They are just a part of the outstanding collection of diverse reading available through Hayner Library.

Nonfiction—

Alexander, Michelle. *The New Jim Crow*
Austin, Nefertiti. *Motherhood So White: A Memoir of Race, Gender, and Parenting in America*
Baldwin, James. *The Fire Next Time*
Bennett, Juda. *The Toni Morrison Book Club*
Berry, Daina. *A Black Women's History of the United States*
Coates, Ta-Nehisi. *The Message*
Cunningham, Michael. *Crowns: Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats*
Lawrence, Jacob. The Migration Series
Perry, Imani. *Breathe: A Letter to My Sons*
Rankine, Claudia. *Citizen: An American Lyric*
Smith, Clint. *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*
Wilkerson, Isabel. *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*
Willis, Deborah. *Envisioning Emancipation: Black Americans and the End of Slavery*

Fiction—

Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi. *Americana*
Butler, Octavia. *Kindred*
Cole, Alyssa. *An Unconditional Freedom*
Ellison, Ralph. *Invisible Man*
Everett, Percival. *James: A Novel*
Gaines, Ernest J. *A Gathering of Old Men*
Hurston, Zora Neale. *Hitting a Straight Lick with a Crooked Stick: Stories from the Harlem Renaissance*
Locke, Attica. *Bluebird, Bluebird*
Mathis, Ayana. *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie*
McBride, James. *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*
Morrison, Toni. *The Bluest Eye*
Walker, Margaret. *Jubilee*
Whitehead, Colson. *Crook Manifesto*

Puzzle Exchange — Swap Jigsaw Puzzles This Winter at Hayner Library

Do you love jigsaw puzzles? Are you looking for entertainment during the cold winter days and dark winter nights? Then stop by Hayner Library and swap jigsaw puzzles with other puzzle-loving patrons! This winter, the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall will have an assortment of jigsaw puzzles available for patrons to swap. The puzzles do not have to be checked out. Simply bring your finished or unwanted puzzles to the library and leave with a new one! We will also accept puzzle donations for the puzzle exchange, even if you don't want to take a new one home. Please note: The number of puzzles available during the program's duration will vary depending upon the number of puzzles donated.

The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.
—Albert Einstein

New in Our Illinois Room

Alton by Michael Barr Mossman (2024). IR 977.386 MOS

The Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Founding of Twelfth Street Presbyterian Church, Alton, Illinois (1955). IR 285.977386 TWE

Child's Play in the Seasons by Jean King (2024). IR 808.84 KIN

East Jr. High .... Alton, Illinois. IR 373.77386 EAS 1983, IR 373.77386 EAS 1984, IR 373.77386 EAS 1985

Fathers Found: Revisited. Resolved. Reflections...: A Family History by Clyde P. Davis (2024). IR 929.2 DAVIS

The First Battle: A Story of The Campaign of 1896 by William J. Bryan (1896). IR 973.8 BRY

For Who Was Jones Road Named? by Dave Douglas (2024). IR 709.977386 DOU

Great Rivers, Great Routes, Great Memories by Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau of Southwest Illinois. IR 977.386 GRE 2024-25/FALL-WINTER

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Heartland Chautauqua: 2001, The Jazz Age. IR 374.973 HEA

Heartland Chautauqua: 2004, Changed Lives --Lewis & Clark Meet the West. IR 374.973 HEA

Irish Genealogy: A Guide to Geography, History and Records by the editors of Family Tree Magazine (2024). IR 941.5 IRI

Knowing the Place...: Recollections Just for the Heck of It by Jean King (2024). IR F KIN

[Milton Area vertical file]. IR VERTICAL FILE MILTON AREA

Mississippi River Panorama: The Henry Lewis Great National Work by William J. Petersen (1979). IR 759.13 PET

Muddy Ground: Native Peoples, Chicago's Portage, and the Transformation of a Continent by John W. Nelson (2023). IR 977.311 NEL

[National Great Rivers Museum at Alton Lock and Dam 26 vertical file]. IR VERTICAL FILE NATIONAL GREAT RIVERS MUSEUM AT ALTON LOCKS AND DAM 26

North Junior High School, Godfrey, Illinois [yearbook]. IR LOCKED CASES 373.77386 NOR 1967-68

Puerto Ricans in Illinois by Maura I. Toro-Morn and Ivis García (2024). IR 977.3004687295 TOR

Scenes from the Life of Owen Lovejoy by William F. Moore, Jane Ann Moore (1997). IR B LOVEJOY

Union Soldiers of Southwestern Illinois by John J. Dunphy (2024). R 974.7473 DUN

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Branching Out 2025: Genealogy Classes

The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library offers Branching Out classes at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL.

Branching Out classes take place on the second and third Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

On the second Thursday of each month, library staff presents a discussion of a genealogy research topic. On the third Thursday, we gather around the fireplace, and each of us gets a chance to share family stories, photos, and projects. We learn from each other and have some laughs too!

January 9 - Plan Your Work and Work Your Plan

January 16 - Discussion Group

February 13 - Papers, Photos, and Heirlooms: Organize and Preserve Them

February 20 - Discussion Group

March 13 - Digital Family Trees and Files: Organize and Preserve Them

March 20 - Discussion Group

Branching Out classes and discussion group meetings will continue throughout 2025 on the second and third Thursdays of each month.

Just getting started with genealogy and not sure if these classes are right for you? Call or email the Genealogy & Local History Library to schedule an individual appointment. We will review your information and help you determine what to do next. Call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2892, or email genealogy@haynerlibrary.org.

Reimagining Places of the Past: Historic Preservation Lecture Series

The Genealogy & Local History Library is partnering with Alton Area Landmarks Association (AALA) this winter to bring back our three-part Saturday lecture series in January, February, and March. AALA is dedicated to educating, promoting, and saving the architectural heritage of the Alton area. Feel free to register for one talk or all three. Seating is limited. Please register at 1-800-613-3163.

Part 1: Plotting a Future for Historic River Towns with Dean Klinkenberg
Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton
Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.

In the Midwest, we built our earliest communities along big rivers. Many of these places, however, have been declining for decades, even though they still have "good bones." What can we do to help our river towns turn things around? In this presentation, Dean Klinkenberg offers a brief history of the economies of river towns along big Midwestern rivers. He'll overview some forces that have hurt them, specifically, the post-WWII suburban development pattern and agricultural consolidation. He'll highlight a few communities that have breathed new life into their towns, describe assets common to many river towns today, and offer thoughts on steps that anyone in a town of any size can take to improve the place where they live.

Dean Klinkenberg has been exploring the backwaters and back roads of the Mississippi River Valley since 2007, from the headwaters in northern Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico. His *Mississippi Valley Traveler* guidebooks and other nonfiction books detail local and regional histories of the people and places along the river. In addition, he writes mysteries set along the Mississippi that feature hard-luck travel writer Frank Dodge. Klinkenberg has also written for publications including *Smithsonian Magazine, The National, St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and the *Minnesota Star Tribune*. His newest book, *The Wild Mississippi: A State-by-State Guide to the River's Natural Wonders*, goes deep into the river's natural history and describes 166 places where we can experience the river's world directly.

Part 2: Saving the Best of Southwest Illinois: HeartLands Conservancy
Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton
Saturday, February 15, 10:00 a.m.

Laura Lyon, Vice President of HeartLands Conservancy, has decades of experience in community planning, urban design, and conservation planning and design. As part of her role, Laura leads The Mounds – America's First Cities, the effort to elevate and create the Cahokia Mounds Mississippian Culture National Historical Park or National Monument. Laura has a Master of Architecture degree from Washington University in St. Louis. She and her husband also have an architecture firm, Studio Archaeos. They moved to Alton in 2012 to restore a house in Christian Hill.

As a steward of distinctive and dynamic places of ecological, cultural, and community value, HeartLands Conservancy is southern Illinois' largest conservation nonprofit. For over thirty years, the organization has advocated for protecting important places and solutions that balance conservation strategies with economic sustainability and human well-being. Laura and her team will update us on their ongoing watershed planning, conservation work, and projects, especially the Cahokia Mounds initiative.

Part 3: Arches, Mounds, Domes, and Bucky Fuller with Benjamin Lowder
Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton
Saturday, March 15, 10:00 a.m.

World-renowned inventor Buckminster Fuller spent ten of his most productive years as a professor at Southern Illinois University. Benjamin Lowder will share the fascinating history of the miniature earth dome that Buckminster Fuller designed for the SIUE campus. He will also take us on a virtual architectural tour across Southern Illinois and St. Louis, sharing the region's rich architectural history. The triangle-faceted geometry of Fuller's geodesic domes, scattered across this region like precious gems, has also inspired Benjamin to create a series of artwork exhibited from New York to Los Angeles.

Benjamin Lowder is the Director of the Fuller Dome, Center for Spirituality and Sustainability on the Southern Illinois University campus in Edwardsville, IL. He also serves on the board of directors for the historic Buckminster Fuller Dome Home in Carbondale, IL.

Special Events at Hayner

All library special events are funded by grants and/or private endowment. Photos may be taken during library programs. Your enrollment in our programs will be assumed as your consent to allow the library the right to use these photos in promotional material.

Join us for our Winter 2025 special events. These events are great for all ages, and they're all free of charge! Most programs require registration. To register, please call our automated messaging system at 1-800-613-3163.

REMINDER: Program registration often fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program for which you are registered, please call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know. We will fill your reservation with a name from the waiting list.

Writers Circle

Join us for a writing prompt to get creativity flowing and receive constructive feedback from your peers in a guided group discussion.

The focus genre of our Writers Circle will change every month. Refreshments will be provided for these adult writing events designed for both the novice and the experienced. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163. Registration is limited to ten people.

Writers Circle: Random Prompt
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, January 25, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Writers Circle: Love Poems
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, February 15, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Writers Circle: Pantoum Poetry
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, March 29, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Empowered Caregiver: Education Series by The Alzheimer's Association

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room

This education series teaches caregivers how to navigate the responsibilities of caring for someone living with dementia, helping them feel more prepared to handle the challenges that come with it.

Seating is limited! Please register with the Alzheimer's Association using the link or phone number provided below for each individual event. NOTE: Each session in this series stands alone. Please feel free to register for one, two, or all three!

January 16, 6:00 p.m. – Building Foundations of Caregiving and Supporting Independence
Explore the role of caregiver, building a support team and managing caregiver stress. Plus, balancing safety and independence while managing expectations. Register at tinyurl.com/THPL12 or call 1-800-272-3900.

February 20, 6:00 p.m. – Communicating Effectively and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors
Learn how dementia affects communication, common behavior changes, non-medical approaches to behaviors, and how to recognize when additional help is needed. Register at tinyurl.com/HPL34 or call 1-800-272-3900.

March 13, 6:00 p.m. – Exploring Care and Support Services
Discover how to prepare for future care decisions and changes, including respite care, residential care, and end-of life care. Register at tinyurl.com/THPL5 or call 1-800-272-3900.

Shelf Care: A Book Club That Happens Whenever, Wherever!

Always wanted to join a book club and connect with other readers but haven't been able to make the time? We invite you to join Shelf Care, our new virtual book club!

Shelf Care is *asynchronous*: there are no meetings or dedicated discussion times! All discussion takes place online in our Shelf Care Facebook group, so participation is entirely on your time and in your space – whenever and wherever that may be.

We read one book every other month, and all selections can be checked out through the library. Here's what we're reading next:

February – *The Rachel Incident* by Caroline O'Donoghue

Use the QR Code to join us on Facebook:

Taps & Tomes: Hayner Library's Book Club at The Old Bakery Beer Company

The Old Bakery Beer Company, 400 Landmarks Boulevard, Alton
Thursday, January 9: *The Only One Left* by Riley Sager
Thursday, March 6: *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson
Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. Book Discussion: 7:00 p.m.

We'd love for you to join us for a drink and discussion of our book selections *The Only One Left* by Riley Sager (January selection) and *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson (March selection). Our social hour starts at 6:00 p.m., with the book discussion beginning at 7:00 p.m. Participants are welcome to join us for both the social hour and the book discussion or just the discussion. The Taps & Tomes book selections can be checked out at Hayner Library and are also available through the Cloud Library and OverDrive Libby digital platforms. No registration is required.

X's and Sews: A Crafting Program

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Tuesdays, January 7 and 21; February 4 and 18; March 4 and 18, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Calling all crafters! Pack up your portable craft and join us for X's and Sews, our crafting program designed to encourage all crafters to come and work on their projects while listening to relaxing music, warming up with a mug of hot tea, and chatting with fellow crafters. All crafts are welcome—embroidery, knitting, crochet, drawing, scrapbooking, cross-stitch, jewelry making, origami, quilting, wood-carving, you name it! If your craft can be transported with ease, come join us if you please! We can't wait to meet everyone and see what you are creating. No registration is necessary.

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iCash: Discover What's Yours with the Illinois State Treasurer's Office

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
Thursday, January 23, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Did you know that the Illinois State Treasurer holds $3.5 billion in unclaimed funds for some Illinoisans? The State holds these funds until the original owner or their heirs claim them. A representative from the Illinois State Treasurer's Office will be at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall to assist you in checking if the State is holding any money owed to you through its iCash program. This is a free service. No registration required.

Haunted Hayner – History & Hauntings

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton
Wednesday, January 29, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of history and hauntings with the gang from Alton Odyssey Tours and Sharyn Luedke, owner of the McPike Mansion, followed by ghost hunting in the Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library!

Patrons aged eighteen and older are invited to join us as we discuss the history of Hayner Library, why Alton is so haunted, talk Ghost 101, and more. After, guests are welcome to stay and do some ghost hunting! The library will provide ghost-hunting equipment during the tour, but feel free to bring your own, as supplies are limited.

To register, please call 1-800-613-3163. Registration is limited to forty people.

Winter Reading Retreat

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Friday, January 31, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Grab a book and your favorite sweater and head to Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall for the one-year anniversary of our reading retreat!

While here, sip on hot cocoa, eat a snack, create your own winter scene in a jar, chat about books, and read too! You are welcome to bring your own drinks and treats as well.

Not sure what to read? Clear up your "to be read" list, check out a library book before you join us, use this time to finish a super-long book you've been intimidated by, read a few short stories, or cycle through a few books four or five chapters at a time. If you still don't know what to read, be sure to check out our winter-themed book display on your way in. This is an open house-style program, so please feel free to stay for a short while or the entire time. Registration is limited to twenty patrons. Please register by calling 1-800-613-3163.

Hayner Cookbook Club

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
***January Cookbook Selection: 101 Greatest Soups on the Planet—Every Savory Soup, Stew, Chili and Chowder You Could Ever Crave* by Erin Renouf Mylroie**

Note: This cookbook will be on display at the Circulation Desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall during the month of January.

Get prepared for the winter season and get cooking at Hayner Library! Join us for our January edition of the cookbook club: Soup's On! To participate, stop by the Circulation Desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, choose your favorite soup or bread recipe (or both!) from the cookbook on display, and register on the sign-up sheet. Hayner Library staff will mark your recipe and make a copy for you to take home. On February 11, bring your creation to share with other participants. Please bring a copy of your recipe to display next to your delicious creation. Coffee, tea, water, sampling bowls, plates, and utensils will be provided.

Compassionate Connections: Harp Music for the Soul

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.

Join Amy (Conrady) Camie in a heart-opening musical experience of inspired original melodies and beautiful familiar favorites that create bridges of compassionate connections within and around us. Amy Camie is a Godfrey native, professional harpist, certified therapeutic clinical musician, recording artist, speaker, and two-time breast cancer thriver. As a pioneer in the field of harp therapy, she has co-authored several pilot studies demonstrating the effects of her music on brainwave and immune system function, pain, and anxiety levels. Amy's music is used throughout the country in hospitals, cancer centers, and hospices and for general relaxation and stress reduction. Her inspired music relaxes the body, calms the mind, and gently soothes the soul. As one woman said, "You touch others in such a deep place with your music because it comes from such a deep place inside of you." Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Library Speed Dating – Find the Book of Your Dreams

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Do you want to fall in love with a new title, author, or book series? Find your perfect match at our first-ever Library Speed Dating program! The Hayner Library multipurpose room will be transformed into a restaurant, complete with tables displaying a sampling of fiction and nonfiction titles of various genres. Over the course of an hour, spend a few minutes with each title before trying a new one. Coffee, tea, and chocolates will also be served. Seating is limited. Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register.

Forest Park Owls: Hiding in Plain Sight

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Saturday, February 22, 2:00 p.m.

Mark H.X. Glenshaw is an award-winning naturalist who has closely observed and documented the lives of Great Horned Owls in Forest Park in St. Louis since December 2005. Mark's talk will cover how he found these owls and basic facts about the species. He also uses many of his photos and videos to illustrate the amazing behaviors of these beautiful birds.

All ages are welcome to join us for this exciting program. To reserve a spot for you or your family, please call 1-800-613-3163.

Jazz at the Library – An Evening with Will Schmalbeck and His Quartet

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of jazz at the library, performed by rising professional trumpet player Will Schmalbeck and his fabulous quartet. Schmalbeck's group will perform American Songbook jazz standards, showcasing the styles of influential trumpet players such as Miles Davis and Chet Baker. The quartet's performance is not to be missed!

Will Schmalbeck is a rising professional trumpet player based in Chicago. Born and raised in Alton, Will is an alumnus of Alton High School and the JazzU St. Louis program. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in trumpet performance, studying with Tito Carrillo and Ronald Romm at the University of Illinois. During this time, he was a graduate teaching assistant and performed with jazz legends such as Doc Severinsen and Christian McBride. Will is currently a core member of The Afro-Caribbean Jazz Collective and lead trumpet player of the Shout Section Big Band. Will has also played professionally with the world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, the Tito Puente Jr. Orchestra, the Danville Symphony Orchestra, Ides of March Orchestra, Alan Gresik's Swing Orchestra, Bill O'Connell's Chicago Skyliners Big Band, The Hershey Park Band, The Iron Post Jazz Orchestra, and has subbed with many of Chicago's finest jazz ensembles. Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register.

Non-Traditional Library Items Available for Checkout in the Library of Things

The Hayner Public Library District's Library of Things collection is available for checkout! The Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional items: gadgets, tools, games, kits, electronics, and more—all available for free with a Hayner Library card. Need something for a one-time project or want to try before you buy? Explore the collection and discover your next new thing to borrow!

Things to Know:

- Library of Things collections are available at the Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.
- Each location has unique items, with only a few duplicates of high-demand items such as projectors and screens.
- Only Hayner Library cardholders, age eighteen and older, with fines under $5.00, can check out items from the Library of Things.
- Patrons must have a Hayner Library card for at least two weeks before checking out items from the Library of Things.
- Overdue fines for Library of Things items are $1.00 per item per day.
- Holds may be placed on Library of Things items.
- Patrons may check out up to three items from the Library of Things at one time.
- Patrons must sign a waiver before checking out items from the Library of Things.
- More rules and policies apply. Library staff is always happy to answer patrons' questions regarding the Library of Things.

What's in the Library of Things?
Downtown Library Collection:

- Piano keyboard
- Tool kit
- Croquet set
- Digital tire pressure gauge
- Bosch self-leveling cross-line laser level and Craftsman stud sensor kit
- Video-to-digital converter
- Multipurpose speaker system with microphone
- Epson projector
- Toss and catch game set
- Foxwell CAN OBDII & EOBD automotive code reader
- Ghost hunting kit
- Globe
- KanJam outdoor game
- Knitting and crochet set
- Projector screen with tripod stand
- Handheld microphone
- Folding hand truck
- Sports ball bag (soccer ball, basketball, and football)
- TI-84 Plus calculator
- Training sports cones
- Bubble machine

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Collection:

- Ring light with tall tripod stand and phone holder
- Lyre harp
- Cake cutters (numbers)
- Stand mixer
- Baking kit (hand mixer, measuring cups and spoons, sifter, and rolling pin)
- Microscope
- Bundt pan
- Chess and checkers set
- DeWalt drive tool accessory set
- DeWalt metric combination wrench set
- Green screen
- Epson projector
- Bocce set
- Cornhole game set
- Dough baking set (dough blender, pastry scraper, biscuit cutter set, and silicone mat)
- Kodak Scanza digital film scanner
- Portable fish finder
- Leaf scoops
- Pickleball set
- Metal detector
- Projector screen with tripod stand
- Victrola record player with Bluetooth speakers
- Springform cake pan set
- Monster outdoor speaker
- Podcast kit

A Brief History of Hayner Library

The seeds of today's The Hayner Public Library District began with the Alton Library Association, which originated in 1852 and was supported through private funding. The Association was bought at auction in 1866 by a group of "concerned ladies" of Alton when the Association began to fall apart due to indebtedness. These ladies raised the funds to pay the library's $165 debt and purchase $300 worth of new books. A corner room of the City Hall building was secured for library use. Under the ladies' management, the library prospered from the start. The ladies believed it was the library's mission to provide intellectual culture via "high grade" literature and to contribute to the social life of the city. They sponsored a series of entertainments including lectures, dramas, concerts, suppers, fairs, and more. Many of the lecturers were of national reputation and included among others Horace Greeley, George Alfred Townsend, and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

In the winter of 1888, it became apparent that the Library was outgrowing its quarters and needed its own building. That same year saw the death of Jennie D. Hayner, a major director of the Library Association. It was her husband, John E. Hayner, who purchased the lot on 4th and State Streets, then funded and built the Library as a memorial to his wife. Construction of the Hayner Memorial Library, today the Genealogy & Local History Library, was completed in 1891. The architect for the building was none other than Theodore C. Link, designer of the Union Station Railroad Depot in St. Louis, Missouri. The total cost for the building, including an annex added in 1906 by Hayner's grandson, John A. Haskell, was $33,000.

In the spring of 1901, Andrew Carnegie offered to build a Carnegie Library for the City of Alton; the offer was respectfully refused on grounds that the new Carnegie library would charge a tax on all citizens and the Alton Library was meant to be free to all Altonians. Mr. Hayner's benefaction allowed Alton citizens to enjoy the only free library in the country, wholly under the management of the ladies of the Jennie D. Hayner Library Association, previously the Alton Library Association. (Carnegie did eventually contribute to the establishment of a library for Shurtleff College in Upper Alton).

As the years progressed, the library grew dramatically. Correspondingly, the costs to maintain and staff the library escalated. In 1952, the city council voted unanimously to acquire and operate the Hayner Memorial Library as a public library. In 1972 the voters approved a referendum that established The Hayner Public Library District. This meant that the library would be run by its own governing board. Today, the District includes the Downtown Library at 326 Belle Street, the Genealogy & Local History Library in the original building, and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

Cool to Be Kind: Hayner Library's Fine Amnesty Program for January 2025

Cool to Be Kind, Hayner Library's winter fine amnesty program, will take place from January 2 through January 31, 2025. During this period, patrons with overdue Hayner Library items can pay their fines with cold-weather clothing such as gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, etc. Library materials must be returned with clothing donations, at least one clothing item per overdue item, and only Hayner Library materials are eligible. Only new or very gently used (no stains or holes!) clothing items can be accepted. The library will donate the clothing items to the Crisis Food Center's Nearly New shop in Alton.

Of course, even if you don't have fines, please feel free to donate items to help others in our community. Fine amnesty is a great way to support critically important community organizations such as Crisis Food Center—and it is also an excellent opportunity to return "lost" materials to the library so that other patrons can check them out. Thank you for your support!

The Hayner Public Library District

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Closed Sunday

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
132 Alton Square Mall Dr., Alton
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Closed Sunday

www.haynerlibrary.org

Memory Kits

Designed for people with memory loss, along with their caregivers and loved ones, memory kits are tools to help stir memories and spark conversation. Using them can encourage connection and elicit positive emotional responses. Hayner Library currently has four ready-to-use memory kits available for check-out. Each kit has a unique theme with different items and activities to go along with it:

Gardening — Items include a DVD and activity cards set, a garden life wooden puzzle, an Audubon goldfinch plush, and more.

Tinkering — Items include a DVD and activity cards set, a tinker board, a wooden tic tac toe game, and more.

Entertainment — Items include a DVD and activity cards set, *Remember When?* picture puzzles, a *Wizard of Oz* flipbook, and more.

Pets & Paws — Items include a DVD and activity cards set, a plush cat and dog, *Playful Paws* EZ Grip puzzle, and more.

The games, activities, and items included in these kits can be used together or separately to inspire storytelling or simply promote fun, engaging quality time. Use each item as intended or in any way that works for you! You can find our Memory Kits at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall or place a hold to pick one up at your preferred Hayner Library branch.

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May 25 & 26, Memorial Day
June 19, Juneteenth

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Little Free Art Libraries

Hayner Library has partnered with Jacoby Arts Center and Lewis and Clark Community College's YouthBuild Program to install five Little Free Art Libraries throughout Alton! Each Little Free Art Library, carefully hand-built and weatherproofed by YouthBuild students and painted in collaboration with Jacoby Arts Center, will be stocked regularly with art books, art supplies, craft kits, and other artsy materials – all free to take and create with!

Keep an eye out for more information about this exciting project, including location and supply donation details.

May is National Bike Month!

May 1 – May 31

Donate your bicycle and support the community this National Bike Month! Madison County Transit (MCT) is celebrating National Bike Month by partnering with St. Louis BWorks and local libraries to collect used bicycles for donation! Throughout the month of May, you can drop off bicycles of any condition at the Downtown Library (326 Belle Street, Alton, IL). MCT will promptly pick up donations and deliver them to BWorks, where they will be refurbished and given to those in need.

What is BWorks?

St. Louis BWorks is a nonprofit organization that empowers youth through hands-on educational programs. Their Earn-A-Bike program teaches kids bicycle maintenance and safety, rewarding them with a bike of their own upon completion. BWorks is working to expand its efforts into Madison County, offering similar opportunities to children on this side of the river.

By donating a bike, you're helping provide transportation, independence, and learning opportunities to young riders in our community. As Dr. Maria Montessori said, *"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."*

For more information, please contact MCT at (618) 797-4600 or email info@mct.org.

Hayner Library Offers Weekly Email Newsletter

Sign up for Hayner Library's weekly email newsletter at www.haynerlibrary.org. Keep up to date with the week's coming events, direct to your inbox!

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Abercrombie, Joe. The Devils

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Deaver, Jeffery. South of Nowhere (Colter Shaw)

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Johnson, Craig. Return to Sender: A Longmire Mystery

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Lamb, Wally. The River Is Waiting

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Sager, Riley. With a Vengeance

Shalvis, Jill. The Love Fix (Sunrise Cove)

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Thayne, Raeanne. The Lost Book of First Loves

Walter, Jess. So Far Gone

Wayne White, Randy. Tomlinson's Wake: A Doc Ford Novel

Weiner, Jennifer. The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits

Wendig, Chuck. The Staircase in the Woods

Woodward, M. P. Tom Clancy Line of Demarcation (Jack Ryan Jr.)

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Bailey, Jason. Gandolfini: Jim, Tony, and the Life of a Legend

Barry, Dave. Class Clown: The Memoirs of a Professional Wiseass: How I Went 77 Years Without Growing Up

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Brinkley, Christie. Uptown Girl: A Memoir

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Grammer, Kelsey. Karen: A Brother Remembers

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Gundry, Steven R., MD. The Gut-Brain Paradox: Improve Your Mood, Clear Brain Fog, and Reverse Disease by Healing Your Microbiome

Helms, Ed. Snafu: The Definitive Guide to History's Greatest Screwups

Hollis, B. Dylan. Baking Across America: A Vintage Recipe Road Trip

Jaouad, Suleika. The Book of Alchemy: A Creative Practice for an Inspired Life

Jones, Sheinelle. Through Mom's Eyes: Simple Wisdom from Mothers Who Raised Extraordinary Humans

Kessler, David A. Diet, Drugs, and Dopamine: The New Science of Achieving a Healthy Weight

Knowles, Tina. Matriarch: A Memoir

Leslie, Ian. John & Paul: A Love Story in Songs

Lillien, Lisa. Hungry Girl Sheet Pan Cookbook: One-Pan Wonders Under 400 Calories

McRaven, William H. Conquering Crisis: Ten Lessons to Learn Before You Need Them

Moseley Braun, Carol. Trailblazer: Perseverance in Life and Politics

Moyer, Melinda Wenner. Hello, Cruel World!: Science-Based Strategies for Raising Terrific Kids in Terrifying Times

Pagels, Elaine. Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus

Patterson, James. The #1 Dad Book: Be the Best Dad You Can Be

Perricone, Nicholas. The Beauty Molecule: Introducing Neuroceuticals, the Breakthrough for Ageless Beauty

Rebanks, James. The Place of Tides

Shriver, Maria. I Am Maria: My Reflections and Poems on Heartbreak, Healing, and Finding Your Way Home

Smith, Maggie. Dear Writer: Pep Talks & Practical Advice for the Creative Life

Swenson, Kate. Autism Out Loud: Life with a Child on the Spectrum, from Diagnosis to Young Adulthood

Viorst, Judith. Making the Best of What's Left: When We're Too Old to Get the Chairs Reupholstered

Young, Michelle. The Art Spy: The Extraordinary Untold Tale of WWII Resistance Hero Rose Valland

KidsSpace *Spring 2025 Activities*

Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall. Due to the Summer Reading Program, there will be no programming Monday, May 19, through Saturday, May 31, 2025.

Stories with Panda Bear: Ages 2-5
Downtown Library
10:00 a.m.
Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13

Baby Lap-Sit Story Time: Ages 0-2
Downtown Library
10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, April 2, 16, 23, 30; May 7, 14

Books and Busy Bees Story Time: Ages 3-6
10:00 a.m.
Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15

Story Time at Lucy Haskell's Playhouse: Ages 2-6
1211 Henry Street, Alton, IL
10:00 a.m.
Fridays, April 11; May 9

Bite Size Science: Ages 7-11
Fridays, April 4; May 2
Kits available for pick-up until gone.
Call (618) 433-2881 to reserve a kit.

Make-or-Take Crafts: Ages 3-7
Mondays, April 7; May 5
Kits available for pick-up until gone.

Lego Club: Ages 6-12
4:00 p.m.
Tuesdays, April 8; May 13

KidsSpace Egg Hunt: Ages 2-12
Monday, April 14 – Saturday, April 19

StoryWalk Opens at The Nature Institute
Tuesday, April 1

KidsSpace Treasure Hunts: All Ages
Available every day in April and May

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Ages 0-5
Visit haynerlibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack mobile app to participate!

Reading Dragons: Ages 6-12
Visit haynerlibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack mobile app to participate!

2025 Kids Summer Reading Program
"Level Up at Your Library"

Summer Reading registration and programming begin Monday, June 2, 2025. To register, go to haynerlibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack mobile app. Everyone who registers by the end of the day June 2, 2025, will be entered for a chance to win a Summer Reading Program-themed basket.

All Summer Reading Program activities will take place at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall unless otherwise noted.

Mondays
Press Start for Art: Ages 2-6
10:00 a.m.
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7

Tuesdays
Stories and Art: Ages 2-6
Downtown Library
10:00 a.m.
June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8

Wednesdays
Performer: All Ages
Performance Room at Alton Square Mall
10:00 a.m.
June 4: Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color
June 11: Swords & Roses: Going for the Gold
June 18: Marko Polo Music
June 25: Circus Kaput: Mermaid Magic: A Colorful Tail
July 2: Enchanted Events: Island Princess visit
July 9: We Like to Party: Mario & Luigi visit

Thursdays
Making the Game Science Workshop: Ages 6-12
10:00 a.m.
June 5, 12, 26; July 3

Treasure Quest Treasure Hunt: All Ages
All Day
June 5, 12, 26; July 3

KidsSpace Side Quest: Ages 6-12
All day, every day!

Last Day to Record Reading in Beanstack
Wednesday, July 9

End-of-the-Summer-Reading-Program Party: All Ages
Performance Room at Alton Square Mall
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 10
Celia's Sing-Along Dance Party 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Treats by Mo'z Sweet Treats

TeenSpace *Spring 2025 Activities*

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for ages 12-18 and will take place in the Hayner Library Teen Center at Alton Square Mall. Call (618) 433-2872 for more information.

Teen Crime Stoppers
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, April 2; May 7

Teen Lego Challenge
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30

Take-Home Kit Pick-Up
All Day
Mondays, April 7; May 5

Teen Advisory Board
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9

Draw to Impress
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, April 16; May 14

Teen Easter Egg Hunt
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23

YA Fridays
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fridays, April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16

2025 Teen Summer Reading Program
"Level Up at Your Library"

This year's Teen Summer Reading Program, "Level Up at Your Library," will get teens pumped up about reading and gaming! The theme gives participants the opportunity to read some fantastic books and participate in some exciting challenges to earn prizes. Participants can register at haynerlibrary.beanstack.org or on the Beanstack mobile app. All participants who continue over the four-week program will be entered into a drawing for themed prize baskets full of iREAD apparel, gift cards, and books.

All Summer Reading Program activities will take place in the Hayner Library Teen Center at Alton Square Mall, located in the Performance Room on the upper level, unless otherwise noted. Call Megan at (618) 433-2872 for more information.

Mondays - Crafts
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
June 2: Dragon Egg
June 9: Tetris Magnet
June 16: DIY Board Game: Lazy Susan
June 23: Controller Button Coaster
June 30: Mario Diamond Art Stickers

Wednesdays - Games
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
June 4: Live Action Monopoly
June 11: Grannies Bingo
June 18: Giant Board Games
June 25: Five Nights at Freddy's Live Action Game
July 2: Giant Twister

Teen Party
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, July 7
Enjoy a free book, snacks, and a Murder Mystery presented by Happy Faces Entertainment!

Food for Fido: April Fine Amnesty Program

Do you have some Hayner Library materials that got lost under the couch or in the back seat of your car? Food for Fido is an excellent opportunity to return those items to the library and avoid the accrued fines.

Hayner Library's fine amnesty program, Food for Fido, will take place from April 1 through April 30, 2025. During this period, patrons with overdue Hayner Library items can pay their fine with pet food and care items. Library materials must be returned at the same time you donate the pet care items. We ask that you bring at least one non-expired pet food item or one new (unused) pet care item for each overdue library item. This program applies only to overdue Hayner Library materials. The library will donate the pet care items to the Alton Area Animal Aid Association (5As).

Food for Fido is a great way to support community organizations such as the 5As, and it is also an excellent opportunity to return "lost" materials to the library so that other patrons can check them out. Thank you for your support!

Puzzle Exchange — Swap Jigsaw Puzzles at Hayner Library

Do you love jigsaw puzzles? Then stop by Hayner Library and swap jigsaw puzzles with other puzzle-loving patrons! The Downtown Library and Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall have an assortment of jigsaw puzzles available for patrons to swap. The puzzles do not have to be checked out. Simply bring your finished or unwanted puzzles to the library and leave with a new one! We will also accept puzzle donations for the puzzle exchange, even if you don't want to take a new one home. Please note: The number of puzzles available during the program's duration will vary depending upon the number of puzzles donated.

National Library Week 2025: Drawn to the Library

April 6 – April 12

People across the country visit their local library each week, from young families stopping in for story time to seniors searching for tech help or their next page-turning read. Plot your next library visit to Hayner Library and find adventure by browsing the stacks or joining one of our book clubs. Trace your family history with our library's genealogy resources. Make your mark and get involved with your library by volunteering or spreading the word. Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone!

To celebrate National Library Week, we will be hosting a drawing contest for three age groups: kids (ages 2-12), young adults (ages 13-17), and adults (ages 18+). Hayner Library patrons are invited to submit a drawing of their favorite book character for a chance to win an art-themed prize!

How to Enter:

- **In Person:** Drop off your drawing at any Hayner Library location (we'll make a copy, and you can keep your original).
- **Online:** Share your drawing in the comments of the National Library Week contest Facebook post.

Rules:

- Drawings must be appropriate for all ages. Any offensive or inappropriate content will be disqualified.
- Entries can be created in any medium.

Deadline: All entries must be submitted by April 13, 2025.

Hayner Library staff will select three finalists from each age group whose drawings will be displayed at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall and the Downtown Library. Patrons can vote for the winner from the finalists in each group. Voting will take place April 18 – April 30. Winners will be announced May 1.

June is Audiobook Appreciation Month!

Whether you fill your commute with fiction, get to know famous figures while you cook, or work out to the tune of a self-help bestseller, many of us love to read with our ears. But it's not just the convenience of reading hands-free that makes audiobooks so great! We also love audiobooks because they make reading accessible, improve literacy, engage emerging readers, and help us practice our listening skills.

Hayner Library provides a number of different platforms for listening to audiobooks, both physical and digital:

Libby & CloudLibrary – Libby and CloudLibrary are apps that allow you to borrow e-books and audiobooks with your library card! Libby is available for iOS, Android, and Amazon Fire tablets. CloudLibrary is available for iOS, Google, and Amazon Fire tablets. Just search your app store for "Libby" or "CloudLibrary" to get started.

Audiobooks on CD & Playaways – Playaways are media players that are pre-loaded with an audiobook. No internet required! Just plug in to headphones or any sound system with an AUX cable to start listening. You'll find audiobook CDs and Playaways at both the Downtown and Alton Square Mall locations of Hayner Library.

Each of these platforms and formats includes audiobooks for kids, teens, and adults, so the whole family can get in on the fun!

If you have questions about audiobooks or how to use any of the platforms listed above, please reach out to reference@haynerlibrary.org or call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2845.

Shelf Care: A Book Club That Happens Whenever, Wherever!

Always wanted to join a book club and connect with other readers but haven't been able to make the time? We invite you to join Shelf Care, our virtual book club!

Shelf Care is asynchronous: there are no meetings or dedicated discussion times! All discussion takes place online in our Shelf Care Facebook Group, so participation is entirely on your time and in your space – whenever and wherever that may be.

We read one book every other month, focusing on literary and contemporary fiction.

Use the QR Code to join us on Facebook:

Illinois Libraries Present

The Hayner Public Library District has partnered with Illinois Libraries Present* to bring you exciting, high-profile virtual events featuring bestselling authors and nationally-recognized presenters. These events are 100% online, so you can attend from the comfort of your own home – or wherever you'd like!

Coming Up:

Saturday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m. – Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat (Youth Program)

Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. – Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond

Registration is required to attend these virtual events. Find registration information and more for each event on our events calendar at haynerlibrary.org.

*These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office for the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

New in Our Illinois Room

Alton Senior High School class of 1957: Class Reunion -- 25 years, July 31, 1982. IR LOCKED CASES 373.77386 ALT

Bethalto Elementary School District, Bethalto, Illinois. IR LOCKED CASES 372.77386 BET 1970-71

City of Alton: Lincoln Interpretive Panels: Schematic Design (2007). IR 977.386 CIT

Creative Flow by George Humbert (1994). IR 811.54 HUM

Dear Ruby, Hear Our Hearts by Ruby Bridges (2024). IR j379.263 BRI

The First Battle: A Story of the Campaign of 1896 by William Jennings Bryan (1896). IR 973.8 BRY

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A History of Twelfth Street Presbyterian Church. 1855-2006. IR 285.977386 TWE

The History of Wood River Illinois published by the Wood River Diamond Jubilee Committee, (1985). IR 977.386 HIS

Illinois Negro Historymakers by Carl G. Hodges (1969). IR 973.0469073 ILL

[Illinois State Penitentiary Convict Register]. #1 to 319: August 28th, 1833 - December 31st, 1841. IR 365.977386 ILL

[Illinois State Penitentiary Convict Register]. #320 to 648: January 1st, 1842 - May 5th, 1847. IR 365.977386 ILL

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[Long Family vertical file]. IR VERTICAL FILE LONG FAMILY

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Shantyboats and Roustabouts: The River Poor of St. Louis, 1875-1930 by Gregg Andrews (2023). IR 977.8660086942 AND

The Story of the Fosterburg Tornado, March 18, 1948 [videorecording] (2023). IR DVD 551.5530973 STO

Twelfth Street Presbyterian Church: Directory (2010). IR 285.977386 TWE 2010

Branching Out 2025: Genealogy Classes

The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library offers Branching Out classes at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL.

Branching Out classes take place on the second and third Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

On the second Thursday of each month, library staff presents a discussion of a genealogy research topic. On the third Thursday, we gather around the fireplace, and everyone gets a chance to share family stories, photos, and projects. We learn from each other and have some laughs too!

April 10 - Sharing and Learning on Social Media

April 17 - Discussion Group

May 8 - Ancestry.com: Research Records, Build Family Trees, DNA

May 15 - Discussion Group

June 12 - FamilySearch.org: Research, the WIKI, and FamilyTree

June 26 - Discussion Group

Branching Out classes and discussion group meetings will continue throughout 2025 on the second and third Thursdays of each month.

Just getting started with genealogy and not sure if these classes are right for you? Call or email the Genealogy & Local History Library to schedule an individual appointment. We will review your information and help you determine what to do next. Call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2892, or email genealogy@haynerlibrary.org.

Special Events at Hayner

All library special events are funded by grants and/or private endowment. Photos may be taken during library programs. Your enrollment in our programs will be assumed as your consent to allow the library the right to use these photos in promotional material.

Join us for our Spring 2025 special events. These events are great for all ages, and they're all free of charge! Most programs require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163.

REMINDER: Program registration often fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program for which you are registered, please call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know. We will fill your reservation with a name from the waiting list.

X's and Sews: A Crafting Program

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Tuesdays, April 1, 15, and 29; May 13 and 27; June 10 and 24, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Calling all crafters! Pack up your portable craft and join us for X's and Sews, our crafting program designed to encourage all crafters to come and work on their projects while listening to relaxing music, sipping on a glass of lemonade, and chatting with fellow crafters. All crafts are welcome—embroidery, knitting, crocheting, drawing, scrapbooking, cross-stitching, jewelry making, origami, quilting, woodcarving…you name it! If your craft can be transported with ease, come join us if you please! We can't wait to meet everyone and see what you are creating. No registration is necessary.

Yarn Bombers Workshop with the Riverbend Yarn Bombers

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, April 2: Granny Square Chickens
Wednesday, June 4: Plant Pockets
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Join the Riverbend Yarn Bombers for a fiber arts workshop! Each workshop will begin with a brief demonstration, followed by time to work on your own creation while chatting and learning tips and techniques.

No materials and just a beginner? No problem! Supplies and support will be available to you. Attendees are also welcome to bring their own materials.

No registration is required, and all skill levels are welcome.

Hayner Cookbook Club

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Cinco de Mayo—Early!
Cookbook Selection: *The Mexican Vegetarian Cookbook* by Margarita Carrillo Arronte

Tuesday, June 17, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Summer Food Season Kick-Off
Cookbook Selection: TBD

Get ready to try something new! To participate, stop by the circulation desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, choose your favorite recipe from the cookbook on display, and register on the sign-up sheet. Hayner Library staff will mark your recipe and make a copy for you to take home. Create your masterpiece and bring it to share at the Cookbook Club event! Please bring a copy of your recipe to display next to your delicious creation. Coffee, tea, water, plates, and utensils will be provided. Bon appétit!

The cookbooks will be on display at the circulation desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall during the months of April and June.

Compassionate Connections: Harp Music for the Soul

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Join Amy (Conrady) Camie in a heart-opening musical experience of inspired original melodies and beautiful familiar favorites that create bridges of compassionate connections within and around us. Amy Camie is a Godfrey native, professional harpist, certified therapeutic clinical musician, recording artist, speaker, and two-time breast cancer thriver. As a pioneer in the field of harp therapy, she has coauthored several pilot studies demonstrating the effects of her music on brainwave and immune system function, pain, and anxiety levels. Amy's music is used throughout the country in hospitals, cancer centers, and hospices and for general relaxation and stress reduction. Her inspired music relaxes the body, calms the mind, and gently soothes the soul. As one woman said, "You touch others in such a deep place with your music because it comes from such a deep place inside of you."

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Adventures with Audubon — Brian "Fox" Ellis

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Friday, April 11, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Spend an hour in the studio of one of America's greatest naturalists and wildlife artists. Listen to tales of his adventures as he finishes something no one has ever accomplished before: drawing every bird in North America. John James Audubon will enchant you with stories of his travels and travails in the wildest places on the planet. He will celebrate the natural history of North America as he saw it in the early 1800s. Audubon will bring to life bird behavior, focusing on the birds you are most likely to see as you go bird watching in this area. With lessons on field ecology, the scientific method, art history, and bird migration, the audience is invited to imitate birds and discuss the life histories of their favorite feathered friends.

Storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis portrays Audubon in these entertaining and meticulously researched monologues drawing from Audubon's journals, essays, and letters to his friends and colleagues. This program was developed with a grant from the USFWS as part of their celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Fox has performed as Audubon in museums, nature centers, schools, and libraries across the United States, including Audubon's home in Henderson, Kentucky.

This event is made possible through The Hayner Public Library District's proud partnership with The Nature Institute (https://www.thenatureinstitute.org/).

Seating is limited. Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Writers Circle

For the novice and the experienced: Join us for a writing prompt to get creativity flowing and receive constructive feedback from your peers in a guided group discussion.

The focus genre of our Writers Circle will change every month, so be sure to check in!

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program. Registration is limited to ten people.

In Response
Lewis and Clark Community College Hatheway Cultural Center Gallery
Saturday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Join us at the Lewis and Clark Community College Student Art Exhibition to get inspired by local artists!

Story Garden
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Inside Out
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, June 28, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lemp Mansion Legends and Ghost Stories

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of legend or lore about one of St. Louis's most haunted landmarks, as told by local historian Betsy Burnett-Belanger. Betsy Burnett-Belanger has had a twenty-eight-year relationship with the historic Lemp Mansion, which remains one of the top haunted places in the United States. Betsy is well-versed in the haunted history of the famous mansion and is now the resident paranormal investigator and historian. Betsy has been featured in many paranormal television shows and books about ghosts and ghost-hunting.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Taps & Tomes: Hayner Library's Book Club at The Old Bakery Beer Company

The Old Bakery Beer Company, 400 Landmarks Boulevard, Alton, IL
Thursday, May 1: *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali
Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. Book Discussion: 7:00 p.m.

We'd love for you to join us for a drink and discussion of our May book selection, *The Lion Women of Tehran,* by Marjan Kamali. Our social hour starts at 6:00 p.m., with the book discussion beginning at 7:00 p.m. Participants are welcome to join us for both the social hour and the book discussion or just the discussion. The Taps & Tomes book selections can be checked out at Hayner Library and are also available through the CloudLibrary and OverDrive Libby digital platforms. No registration is required.

Spring Reading Retreat

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Friday, May 9, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Grab a book and head to Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall for the Spring Reading Retreat! Sip on a refreshing fruity drink, enjoy a snack, and create your own spring wreath while chatting with others about your current read or one from the past. You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks as well.

Not sure what to read? Clear up your "to be read" list, check out a library book before you join us, use this time to finish a super long book you've been intimidated by, read a few short stories, or cycle through a few books four or five chapters at a time. If you still don't know what to read, be sure to check out one of our book displays on your way in. This is an open house-style program, so feel free to stay for a short while or the entire time. Registration is limited to twenty patrons.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

An Evening with Thomas Jefferson

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Friday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m.

The library is honored to welcome back Kurt Smith, the official Thomas Jefferson of Colonial Williamsburg, for "An Evening with Thomas Jefferson." Smith will present a lecture as Jefferson and then answer questions in character.

Kurt Smith is one of two men in the world who make their living full-time by portraying Thomas Jefferson. He has portrayed Jefferson for U.S. Supreme Court justices, the U.S. Congress, state governors, state supreme court chief justices, federal cabinet members, presidential candidates, and royalty around the globe. He has been acclaimed in articles and media from *The Washington Post* to *The Ellen DeGeneres Show.*

This free event is made possible with funding from the Lewis & Clark Society of America.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Bob Dylan Tribute

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Wednesday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening featuring renowned blues guitarist Steve Vogel and iconic singer-songwriter and storyteller Bob Case. Bob was influenced by Dylan in his early teens and saw Dylan as an example of what it meant to be an artist for his generation. Traveling through the South during the Folk Revival of the 60s, Bob learned directly from country blues artists Bukka White, Fury Lewis, Sleepy John Estes, and Mississippi Fred McDowell.

Growing up in St. Louis on weekends, bluegrass and country music were everywhere to be found. Bob blended all these styles together, creating an understanding of roots music to build a musical career.

Moving to Boston in the early 1970s, Bob hooked up with slide guitarist J.B. Hutto, playing bass, touring, and recording with J.B. on the 1980s W.C. Handy Blues award-winning album *Keeper of The Flame*.

What Bob Case knows he learned directly from the artist who created it. During this time, Dylan's music was a musical stew of traditional roots music, rock 'n' roll, country, gospel, and pop. Simultaneously, his song ideas addressed the perplexities of our time with questions and ideas that needed to be answered. Bob Dylan was a major influence on all of us!

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Family Line Dancing

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Wednesdays, May 21 and June 11, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join Michael Wooton from Effervescent Studios for a four-session variety line dancing class, suitable for ages ten and up. The one-hour class teaches the latest line dances, preparing participants for upcoming outings with family and friends.

Limited space is available. Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Dueling Pianos

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Tuesday, June 3, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Two pianists will alternately play and sing songs the audience requests during this performance. The players will joke around and offer humorous commentary. This performance will be energetic and lively for all ages! Remember to bring your list of songs.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

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Hours of Operation

Downtown Library
326 Belle Street, Alton
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
132 Alton Square Mall Dr., Alton
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Genealogy & Local History Library
401 State Street, Alton
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

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Adult Spring Scavenger Hunt

Join us for our 2025 Adult Spring Scavenger Hunt! Hayner Library patrons ages eighteen and older can enter to win fun prizes by participating in a scavenger hunt around town and at Hayner Library locations! Patrons will receive a raffle ticket for each item found in the scavenger hunt and an additional five raffle tickets for completing the sheet.

This program will run through the month of April. The winners will be drawn on May 1. Prizes include a window bird feeder, a wicker indoor/outdoor swinging chair, and a raised planter.

Register at the circulation desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall or the Downtown Library starting April 1!

Native Pollinator Garden at Hayner Library

Downtown Library Parking Lot, Corner of Belle Street & W. 4th Street
Sunday, May 18, at 12:30 p.m.

Want to learn about local native plants and how to attract pollinators to your garden? Join us as we plant a new native pollinator garden at Hayner Library! We're partnering with The Sierra Club to plant beds located in our Downtown Library parking lot, beautifying the space and making it welcoming for bees and butterflies. Together we'll prepare the soil and get hands-on with native plants, learning about their benefits and the types of pollinators they attract.

We'll meet in the Downtown Library parking lot at 12:30 p.m. Please bring any gardening tools you find useful. There will be tools available for beginners, but supplies are limited.

No registration is required. All skill levels and gardening experience are welcome.

The Hayner Public Library District

Serving Alton, Godfrey & Foster Township Summer 2025

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and it's the perfect time to get your very own library card or remind family and friends to sign up! A library card opens the door to endless possibilities—accessing books, e-books, audiobooks, online resources, movies, music, and much more. At the library, we believe that everyone should have access to the tools that promote and inspire learning, creativity, and community, and your library card is your key to it all!

Why sign up for a library card?

- Free access to resources: Borrow books, magazines, movies, digital audiobooks, e-books, streaming movies and TV shows, and explore our Library of Things–all for free!
- Educational opportunities: From engaging book clubs and story times to workshops and lectures, we have educational programs and events for all ages.
- Online databases and learning: Use your library card to explore a large collection of research databases at no cost.
- Community: Be part of a community that values learning, exploration, and discovery through library programs, events, and resources.

How to Sign Up:

Signing up for a library card is quick, easy, and free! Just stop by the Downtown Library or Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, fill out a simple registration form, and you will be ready to start using your card right away.

Adult patrons (18+) must reside at a permanent residence within The Hayner Public Library District. Residents are eligible for a three-year library card. To obtain a library card, patrons must present a current photo ID with the current address listed. If the address on your ID is not current, you must present formal documentation (such as a recent utility bill) with your current address in addition to a photo ID.

To obtain a juvenile resident library card for a patron aged 17 or younger, the patron's parent or legal guardian must meet the standards listed above for an adult resident library card and must sign an authorization statement on the registration form. The child must be present for the library card to be issued (but not renewed).

Patrons may not have fines or fees over $5.00 on their library card.

Celebrate with Us!

To make this September even more exciting, we will have some fun giveaways to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month! Everyone who signs up or is up for a renewal will receive a fun sticker as a special thank-you gift. Plus, we will be hosting a giveaway with some fun prizes. Keep your eye on our social media pages for more information!

Already Have a Library Card?

Share the love and encourage someone else to sign up! It's a wonderful way to spread the joy of reading and learning with others.

Things to Know...

About The Hayner

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The Library will be closed for the following holidays:
July 4, Independence Day
August 31 & September 1, Labor Day

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Cleeves, Ann. The Killing Stones: A Detective Jimmy Perez Novel

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Fielding, Joy. Jenny Cooper Has a Secret

Flagg, Fannie. Something to Look Forward To: Fictions

Flynn, Vince. Denied Access: A Mitch Rapp Novel by Don Bentley

Follett, Ken. Circle of Days

Freeman, Brian. Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Escape

Galbraith, Robert. The Hallmarked Man

Gardner, Lisa. Kiss Her Goodbye (Frankie Elkin)

George, Elizabeth. A Slowly Dying Cause (Inspector Lynley)

Griffiths, Elly. The Frozen People: A Mystery

Grimes, Martha. The Red Queen (Richard Jury)

Hall, Rachel Howzell. The Cruel Dawn

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Jackson, Holly. Not Quite Dead Yet

Jance, J. A. The Girl From Devil's Lake (Joanna Brady)

Krueger, William Kent. Apostle's Cove (Cork O'Connor)

Kuang, R. F. Katabasis

Lapena, Shari. She Didn't See It Coming

Lewis, Beverly. The Christmas House

McCall Smith, Alexander. In the Time of Five Pumpkins (#1 Ladies')

McCall Smith, Alexander. The Winds from Further West: A Novel

McEwan, Ian. What We Can Know

Meier, Leslie. A Matter of Pedigree

Michaels, Fern. Santa's Holiday Spectacular

Miranda, Megan. You Belong Here

Osman, Richard. The Impossible Fortune (Thursday Murder Club)

Patterson, James. Billion-Dollar Ransom: A Thriller

Patterson, James. Emma On Fire: A Thriller

Patterson, James. The Hamptons Lawyer (Jane Smith)

Peterson, Tracie. Designed with Love

Robb, J. D. Framed in Death

Rosenfelt, David. Dogged Pursuit: An Andy Carpenter Mystery

Scottoline, Lisa. The Unraveling of Julia

Silva, Daniel. An Inside Job

Slaughter, Karin. We Are All Guilty Here

Smirnoff, Karin. The Girl with Ice in Her Veins

Smith, Martin Cruz. Hotel Ukraine (Arkady Renko)

Steel, Danielle. For Richer For Poorer

Steel, Danielle. The Portrait

Thor, Brad. Edge of Honor (Scot Harvath)

Trigiani, Adriana. The View From Lake Como

Ware, Ruth. The Woman in Suite 11

White, Karen. That Last Carolina Summer

Wiggs, Susan. Wayward Girls

Willingham, Stacy. Forget Me Not

Winslow, Don. The Final Score: Six Short Novels

Woodward, M. P. Tom Clancy Terminal Velocity (Jack Ryan Jr.)

NONFICTION—

Baron, David. The Martians: The True Story of an Alien Craze that Captured Turn-of-the-Century America

Bradshaw, Terry. The Bradshaw Family Cookbook: Our Favorite Recipes for Game Days, Weekdays, and Any Day

Brennan, Christine. On Her Game: Caitlin Clark and the Revolution in Women's Sports

Buettner, Dan. The Blue Zones Kitchen One Pot Meals: 100 Recipes to Live to 100

Child, Lee. Reacher: The Stories Behind the Stories

Curry, Stephen. Shot Ready

Gilbert, Elizabeth. All the Way to the River: Love, Loss, and Liberation

Graff, Garrett M. The Devil Reached Toward the Sky: An Oral History of the Making and Unleashing of the Atomic Bomb

Greenblatt, Stephen. Dark Renaissance: The Dangerous Times and Fatal Genius of Shakespeare's Greatest Rival

Hatmaker, Jen. Awake: A Memoir

Heming Willis, Emma. The Unexpected Journey: Finding Strength, Hope, and Yourself on the Caregiving Path

Huberman, Andrew D. Protocols: An Operating Manual for the Human Body

Jones, Johnny Joey. Behind the Badge: Answering the Call to Serve on America's Homefront

Kean, Sam. Dinner With King Tut: How Rogue Archaeologists Are Recreating the Sights, Sounds, Smells, and the Tastes of Lost Civilizations

Kotb, Hoda. Jump and Find Joy: Embracing Change in Every Season of Life

Lepore, Jill. We the People: A History of the U.S. Constitution

Levy, Shawn. Clint: The Man and the Movies

Morris, Susana M. Positive Obsession: The Life and Times of Octavia E. Butler

Nosrat, Samin. Good Things: Recipes and Rituals to Share with People You Love: A Cookbook

Patterson, James. Disrupt Everything: Every Leader, Team Member, and Family Needs to Disrupt

Patterson, James. The Idaho Four: An American Tragedy

Presley, Priscilla. Softly, As I Leave You: Life After Elvis–A Memoir

Price, Kate. This Happened to Me: A Reckoning

Reiner, Rob. A Fine Line Between Stupid and Clever: The Story of Spinal Tap

Richie, Lionel. Truly

Roach, Mary. Replaceable You: Adventures in Human Anatomy

Taraborrelli, J. Randy. JFK: Public, Private, Secret

Toews, Miriam. A Truce That Is Not Peace

Vernon, Alex. Peace Is a Shy Thing: The Life and Art of Tim O'Brien

Vittert, Leland. Born Lucky: A Dedicated Father, a Grateful Son, and My Journey with Autism

Weiner, Tim. The Mission: The CIA in the 21st Century

KidsSpace 2025 Kids Summer Reading Program

"Level Up at Your Library"

All Summer Reading Program activities will take place at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall unless otherwise noted.

Mondays

Press Start for Art: Ages 2-6
10:00 a.m.
July 7

Tuesdays

Stories and Art: Ages 2-6
Downtown Library
10:00 a.m.
July 1, 8

Wednesdays

Performer: All Ages
Performance Room at Alton Square Mall
10:00 a.m.
July 2: Enchanted Events: Island Princess visit
July 9: We Like to Party: Mario & Luigi visit

Thursdays

Making the Game Science Workshop: Ages 6-12
10:00 a.m.
July 3

Treasure Quest Treasure Hunt: All Ages
All Day
July 3

KidsSpace Side Quest: Ages 6-12
All day, every day!

Last Day to Record Reading in Beanstack
Wednesday, July 9

End-of-the-Summer-Reading-Program Party: All Ages
Performance Room at Alton Square Mall
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 10
Celia's Sing-Along Dance Party 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Treats by Mo'z Sweet Treats

August & September Activities

Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

Stories with Panda Bear: Ages 2-5
Downtown Library
10:00 a.m.
Tuesdays, August 12, 19, and 26; September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Baby Lap-Sit Story Time: Ages 0-2
Downtown Library
10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, August 13, 20, and 27; September 3, 10, 17, and 24

Books and Busy Bees Story Time: Ages 3-6
10:00 a.m.
Thursdays, August 14, 21, and 28; September 4, 11, 18, and 25

Make-or-Take Crafts: Ages 3-7
Monday, September 8
Kits available for pick-up while supplies last.

Lego Club: Ages 6-12
4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 9

KidsSpace Treasure Hunts: All Ages
Available all day, every day beginning
Monday, August 11

StoryWalk at The Nature Institute
A new story is posted at the beginning of each month!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Ages 0-5
Visit haynerlibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack mobile app to participate!

Dial-A-Story: Ages 0-10
New stories are added at the beginning of each month.
Call (618) 462-TALE (618-462-8253) to listen!

TeenSpace

2025 Teen Summer Reading Program
"Level Up at Your Library"

All Summer Reading Program activities are for ages 12-18 and will take place in the Hayner Library Teen Center at Alton Square Mall, located in the Performance Room on the upper level, unless otherwise noted. Call Megan at (618) 433-2872 for more information.

Wednesday - Games
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
July 2: Giant Twister

Teen Party
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, July 7
Enjoy a free book, snacks, and a Murder Mystery presented by Happy Faces Entertainment!

August & September Activities

Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held in the Hayner Library Teen Center at Alton Square Mall.

Teen Crime Stoppers
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 3

Teen Lego Challenge
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 24

Teen Make-and-Take Craft
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 27

Teen Take-Home Kits
Monday, September 8
Kits available for pick-up while supplies last.

Teen Advisory Board
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 10

Draw to Impress
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, August 20; September 17

Expressive Art
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fridays, August 29; September 26

YA Fridays
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fridays, August 22; September 5, 12, and 19

Duck Costume Contest
Decorate a duck for a chance to win fun prizes! Pick up your duck beginning Tuesday, September 2. Drop decorated ducks off no later than Friday, September 26. Voting takes place Wednesday, October 1, through Friday, October 31. Winners will be announced on Monday, November 3.

Call Megan at (618) 433-2872 for more information.

Supplies for Summer Fine Amnesty Program

Do you have Hayner Library materials that got lost under the couch or in the back seat of your car? Supplies for Summer is an excellent opportunity to return those items to the library and avoid the accrued fines. Hayner Library's fine amnesty program, Supplies for Summer, will take place from July 1 through July 31. During this period, patrons with overdue Hayner Library items can pay their fine with personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, hand lotion, etc. Library materials must be returned at the same time you donate the personal hygiene products. We ask that you bring at least one unopened and unexpired product for each overdue library item. This program applies only to overdue Hayner Library materials. The library will donate the personal hygiene products to the Crisis Food Center and the Alton School District. Supplies for Summer is a great way to support community organizations, and it is also an excellent opportunity to return "lost" materials to the library so that other patrons can check them out. Thank you for your support!

National Book Lovers Day

National Book Lovers Day, celebrated annually on August 9, is a special occasion to honor the joy of reading and the powerful connection between people and books. For Hayner Library, this day is the perfect opportunity to celebrate our shared love for reading!

Join us throughout the month of August as we invite patrons to visit all three of our Hayner Library locations. To celebrate, simply share a book you absolutely LOVE with our staff at the circulation desk, and you will receive a small prize!

While you are here, take the time to explore our collection. Don't miss our local author display, highlighting works by talented writers in our community. Plus, make sure to browse our shelves and check out a new book—you might just discover your next great read!

Whether you are a lifelong book lover or just getting started, National Book Lovers Day is the perfect time to explore, share, and find books that you can truly fall in love with. We can't wait to see you at the library!

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Whether you're looking to improve your core skills, prepare for college admissions tests, obtain your high school equivalency, or join the workforce, LearningExpress has everything you need. You'll find practice tests, quizzes, tutorials, microlessons, e-books, articles, and flashcards to help you achieve your goals.

Using LearningExpress, you can:

- Prepare for the ACT, SAT, and AP college admissions exams
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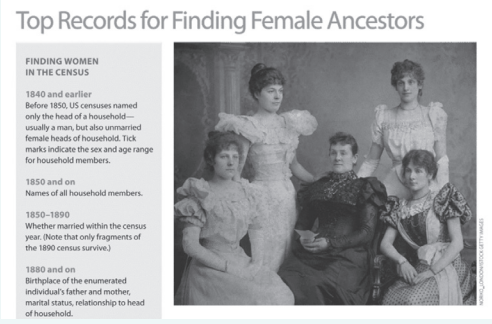
In addition, elementary and middle school educators will find a variety of supplementary instructional resources aligned to math, reading, writing, and social studies curricula.

To get started, visit www.haynerlibrary.org/digital-resources-collections/subscription-databases and look for LearningExpress. If you're using LearningExpress at home, make sure to have your Hayner Library card handy so you can log in.

Check Out the Genealogy Cheat Sheets in the Illinois Room

Each guide relates to a specific genealogy research topic. The guides are packed with essential information, research tips, strategies, and resources!



Look for:

African American Genealogy Research: IR 929.108996073 HAI

The Historical Biographer's Guide to Cluster Research (the FAN Principle): IR 929.1072 MIL

Female Ancestors: IR 929.1 CAR

Genetic Genealogy Basics: IR 929.1072 BUS

Irish Genealogy Research: IR 929.3417 MIT

Copy or take pictures of the information you need for your research. Keep your eye out for more to come!

New in Our Illinois Room

American Breweriana Journal: Official Publication of the American Breweriana Association, Inc. IR 663.31 AME 1998/07-08

Chicago, the Great Central Market: A Collection of Editorials and Illustrations from the "Field Quality News" by Marshall Field & Company (1921). IR LOCKED CASES 977.311 MAR

College Avenue Presbyterian Church. Advent 1997. IR 285.977386 COL

Geological Science Field Trip, Guide Leaflet, Grafton Area, Jersey County: Jerseyville, Hardin, St. Charles, and Brussels Quadrangles by the Illinois State Geological Survey (1960). IR 557.73 GEO

The Grafton Gallinipper. IR 977.3885 GRA 1992/FALL

The Growth of a City: Alton, Illinois Streets, Annexations, and Subdivisions -- Includes Information on Upper Alton, North Alton, and Godfrey compiled by The Hayner Public Library District Genealogy & Local History Library (2025). IR 917.738 HAY

The Kids' Medical Care Handbook by Kathie R. Wuellner (2025). IR 618.92 WUE

The Ku Klux Klan in the Alton Area compiled by The Hayner Public Library District Genealogy & Local History Library (2025). IR 322.4209773 KUK

A Long Way to Find a Home: George Edwin Taylor as a Child by Darrell Ferguson (2024). IR jB TAYLOR

Mississippi River Mayhem: Disasters, Tragedy, and Murder on Ol' Man River by Dean Klinkenberg (2022). IR 976 KLI

New Alton Community Center: Alton, Illinois (1995). IR 711.5520977386 BOO

Qualifications to Provide Architectural/Engineering Services for the Alton Community Center (1995). IR 711.5520977386 AAI

River Bend 1996-97 Relocation Guide created by the River Bend Growth Association (1996). IR 917.738 RIV

St. Patrick's Cemetery, Godfrey, Illinois: Burial Book (1974). IR 977.3865 STP BK.1, BK.2, BK.3

Time and Time Again: A Brief History of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America by Robert Tabscott (1997). IR LOCKED CASES 285 TAB

A Touch of Innocence by Katherine Dunham (1959). IR B DUNHAM

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors by John Grenham (2019). IR 941.5 GRE

West Jr. High Falcons yearbooks. IR LOCKED CASES 373.7386 WES 1980 and IR LOCKED CASES 373.7386 WES 1981

YWCA Women of Distinction program book (2025). IR 977.386 YWC 2025

Branching Out 2025: Genealogy Classes

The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library offers Branching Out classes at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL. Branching Out classes take place on the second and third Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

On the second Thursday of each month, library staff presents a discussion of a genealogy research topic. On the third Thursday, we gather around the fireplace, and everyone gets a chance to share family stories, photos, and projects. We learn from each other and have some laughs too!

July 10 - Vital Records: From the Church to the Courthouse

July 17 - Discussion Group

August 14 - Where They Lived: Property Research

August 21 - Discussion Group

September 11 - A New Home: Immigration and Naturalization

September 18 - Discussion Group

Branching Out classes and discussion group meetings will continue throughout 2025 on the second and third Thursdays of each month. Just getting started with genealogy and not sure if these classes are right for you? Call or email the Genealogy & Local History Library to schedule an individual appointment. We will review your information and help you determine what to do next. Call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2892, or email genealogy@haynerlibrary.org.

Special Events at Hayner

All library special events are funded by grants and/or private endowment. Photos may be taken during library programs. Your enrollment in our programs will be assumed as your consent to allow the library the right to use these photos in promotional material.

Join us for our Summer 2025 special events. These events are great for all ages, and they're all free of charge! Most programs require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163.

REMINDER: Program registration often fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program for which you are registered, please call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know. We will fill your reservation with a name from the waiting list.

Murder Mystery Improv: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to a Murder

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Monday, July 7, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

When the cast and crew of a Broadway revue discover a murder most foul, suspicions and old grudges loom large in the footlights! In this interactive, Broadway-themed improv mystery, audience members play the suspects and share the stage with our professional team, who will guide them through the highs and lows of a hilarious, one-of-a-kind whodunit.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

X's and Sews: A Crafting Program

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Tuesdays, July 8 and 22; August 5 and 19; September 2, 16, and 30, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Calling all crafters! Pack up your portable projects and join us for X's and Sews—a laid-back crafting program where your creativity meets community. Bring whatever you're working on, whether it's embroidery, knitting, crocheting, drawing, scrapbooking, cross-stitching, jewelry making, origami, quilting, woodcarving…you name it! Enjoy relaxing music, conversation, and the company of fellow crafters. If your craft can be transported with ease, we'd love for you to bring it along and create with us. We cannot wait to meet everyone and see what you are working on! No registration is necessary.

Family Line Dancing

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Wednesdays, July 9 and August 13, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join Michael Wooten from Effervescent Studios for a variety line dancing class, suitable for ages ten and up. The one-hour class teaches the latest line dances, preparing participants for upcoming outings with family and friends.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program. If you previously registered for either of these dates, please call to re-register.

Sacred Spaces of CARE & Metro-East Recovery Council: Conversations on Substance Use & Recovery

Genealogy & Local History Library
Thursdays, July 10, September 11, and November 13, at 6:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us as we host Alton-based nonprofit group Sacred Spaces of CARE and the Metro-East Recovery Council for conversations on substance use and recovery. These sessions are judgement-free and open to anyone.

Alzheimer's Association Education Workshops

Learn more about memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer's disease in these workshops provided by the Greater Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Seating is limited! Please register with the Alzheimer's Association using the link or phone number provided below for each workshop.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Thursday, July 17, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors, current research, treatments available to address some symptoms, and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Register at tinyurl.com/UAD-Hayner-Library-7-17 or call 1-800-272-3900.

Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Thursday, September 18, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

If you or someone you know is facing Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or another chronic illness, it's never too early to put financial plans in place. Join us to learn tips for managing someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs, and the benefits of early planning.

Register at tinyurl.com/MM-Hayner-Library-9-18-25 or call 1-800-272-3900.

Writers Circle

For the novice and the experienced: Join us for a writing prompt to get creativity flowing and receive constructive feedback from your peers in a guided group discussion.

The focus genre of our Writers Circle will change every month, so be sure to check in!

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program. Registration is limited to ten people.

Beyond the Sea
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, July 26, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Short Story – Sci Fi
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, August 30, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Flash Fiction – Scandal
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Retreat

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Friday, July 18, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Grab a book and head to Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall for our Summer Reading Retreat! While here, sip on lemonade, enjoy various fruits and chips, and practice the art of origami. Chat with fellow readers about what you are currently reading or share your favorite books from the past.

Not sure what to read? Clear up your "to be read" list, pick out a new book, dive into that long read you have been putting off, or explore a few short stories. If you need inspiration, look at the library displays as you enter. This open house-style event allows you to come and go as you please, whether for a short visit or the entire time.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

August is National Crayon Donation Month!

Donate new or used crayons to Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall or the Downtown Library during the month of August.

At the end of the month, crayons will be collected and taken to Riverbend Head Start for their next adventure!

An Afternoon with Switchback

Benjamin Godfrey Memorial Chapel, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL
Sunday, August 3, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

They're back! Don't miss another chance to see Switchback, the award-winning duo of Brian Fitzgerald and Martin McCormack. A perennial patron favorite, this concert is full of harmonies, guitars, mandolins, and a blend of Celtic and American roots music.

American Songwriter Magazine (who placed them alongside Americana icon Steve Earle) praised Switchback as one of the seminal groups to blend American roots and traditional Celtic styles. Switchback's hybrid has an energy and joyous abandon that Matt Malloy of The Chieftains proclaimed "powerful!"

With three PBS specials, music on NBC, and appearances with the Moody Blues, Jethro Burns, Clifton Chenier, John Hartford, Leon Russell, Dale Watson, The Chieftains, Liz Carol, Martin Hayes, and many others, Switchback has earned a place among musical legends.

Truly a concert for the whole family! Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

This program is jointly presented by The Hayner Public Library District and the Music Department of Lewis & Clark Community College.

Yarn Bombers Workshop: Chicken Stitch!

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, August 6, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Join the Riverbend Yarn Bombers for a stitch-and-chat session! Make a granny square chicken or bring your own portable fiber arts project to work on while discussing upcoming Riverbend Yarn Bombers projects. All skill levels welcome!

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

The Do's and Don'ts of Travel with Judy Rynders

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, August 12, 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Come join travel agent Judy Rynders for an informational talk about the do's and don'ts of travel. With over forty years of travel experience working with local travel agencies and numerous trips to Europe and the Caribbean, Judy will share valuable insights on topics including required documents, travel discounts, car rentals, international travel, and navigating non-refundable specials vs. regular fares. If you are planning a future trip or just dreaming of one, bring your questions and come and join us for this informational evening of expert advice and travel inspiration.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Ghosts Next Door – Franklin Masonic Lodge, Alton, IL

Genealogy & Local History Library
Thursday, August 14, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for our first chapter of "Ghosts Next Door," where we will discuss the history and hauntings of the Franklin Masonic Lodge in Alton! The Witch's Familiar Paranormal Research team (affiliated with the Midwest Paranormal Investigators Consortium) will share historical facts and their paranormal experiences in this location, as well as demonstrate ghost hunting equipment and practices such as rem pods, spirit boxes, and the Estes Method.

Each "Ghosts Next Door" program will focus on a different location, so be sure to keep your eye out for future events!

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Hayner Cookbook Club

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, August 26, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Cookbook Selections: *The Cookbook for Kids, BHG New Junior Cook Book,* and *Rachel Ray Yum-O!: The Family Cookbook*

Parents and kids of all ages: cook up some fun in the kitchen! As the school year kicks off, it's the perfect time to bring families together around the table—and what better way than with a little culinary creativity?

Join us for our Cookbook Club, where mealtime becomes family time. Flip through a fun and flavorful selection of cookbooks, pick out recipes as a team, and discover just how tasty collaboration can be. Whether it's a simple snack or a whole dinner, there's something for every age and skill level—because sometimes, kids really do know best! Get cooking, connecting, and creating memories, one recipe at a time.

To participate, stop by the Circulation Desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, choose your favorite recipe from the cookbook on display, and register on the sign-up sheet. Hayner Library staff will mark your recipe and make a copy for you to take home. Create your masterpiece and bring it to share at the Cookbook Club event! Please bring a copy of your recipe to display next to your delicious creation. Coffee, tea, water, plates, and utensils will be provided.

McVicar the Trickster

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Tuesday, September 9, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Josh McVicar began performing locally in the St. Louis area before honing his skills as a stage performer. He worked his way through the Midwest at locations such as Red Robin, Six Flags Mid-America, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Diamond Pet Foods, and Lake Forest University. He soon gained national prominence, having performed in nearly all fifty states, in universities from coast to coast, and in businesses throughout the region.

McVicar is a comedian who performs new routines using modern magic techniques. Josh is one of the few "comedy" performers who can provide a show that is not only entertaining and funny, but also polite and family-friendly. In all his performances, he promotes audience engagement and participation, and his years of working with a wide range of audiences have equipped him for almost any situation.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Family Album and Trilogy: Two Films by Jean King and Ann Morrissey Davidson

Genealogy & Local History Library
Wednesday, September 10, 6:00 p.m.

Family Album is the story of Altonian Jean King's family put to music. Through song and dance, it tells their story in four parts: *Our Ancestors, Our Immediate Family, Our Generation,* and *Our Next Generation*.

Trilogy features music inspired by three works of art: sculptures *The Whistler* and *The Bather*, and an oil and acrylic painting, *Thicket No. 43*, by Jeffrey Vaughn.

Jean King composed the music for both the eighty-minute feature length film and the fifteen-minute short film and wrote the lyrics for *Family Album*. Ann Morrissey Davidson is the cinematographer. Both films are a community effort by vocalists, dancers, and actors. Filming took place on location in the greater Alton area.

The video includes dance by Altonian Bruce Alexander and performing arts students from Principia College. Solo vocalists are Alison Neace, Doug Burns, Ron Abraham, and area chorus members. The music genre ranges from pop to neo-classical.

The presentation is free, and DVDs will be available for purchase for $10.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Cook Around the World with AtoZ World Food

Get a taste of international cuisine from the comfort of your own kitchen! With more than 7,000 traditional recipes from 174 countries, plus articles on ingredients and food culture, AtoZ World Food is an un-beet-able resource for anyone interested in food and cooking.

Besides recipes and ingredient information, you'll also find cooking videos, food histories, articles on inventions in food technology, cooking conversations, information on dietary philosophies, and more.

Visit www.haynerlibrary.org/digital-resources-collections/subscription-databases and look for AtoZ World Food. Log in with your Hayner Library card to get started!

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In addition to standalone classes, Creativebug offers Learning Journeys, a series of classes and techniques that build upon each other to help you master the basics of creative skills like garment sewing, knitting, bookmaking, mending, and Cricut crafts.

Or, if you're looking to flex your creative muscles and get into new artistic practices, you can check out the Daily Practice Series. With over 100 different projects in a variety of mediums, each Daily Practice guides you through a creative project one day at a time so you can build your skills while exploring tools and materials.

Can't wait to begin your next project?
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The Hayner Public Library District

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Fourth Annual Hayner Library Local Author Book Fair: Saturday, December 6, 2025

Just in time for the holiday season, The Hayner Public Library District will host our fourth annual Local Author Book Fair on Saturday, December 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Alton Square Mall.

Meet local authors, buy their books, and have them autographed! The event will also feature library card registration, a showcase of our Library of Things collection, prizes, and other library highlights.

There will also be activities and story times for the kids. You can browse and make purchases—and be sure to leave some time to explore Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall.

Authors, this will be an excellent opportunity to introduce your books to friends and neighbors. Patrons, find a new favorite author and stock up on books to keep you entertained during the cold winter nights. There will undoubtedly be titles for everyone on your holiday shopping list—and even a stocking stuffer or two!

If you're an author with books to sell, don't miss this opportunity. Author registration begins Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Reserve your table now by calling Mary Cordes at (618) 433-2877 or emailing mary.cordes@haynerlibrary.org.

The library will provide tables and tablecloths for authors. Authors can bring promotional materials and books to sell. Authors are responsible for bringing their own banking supplies. Authors should plan to arrive at 10:00 a.m. to set up their tables. There is a limit of twenty-five tables, so act fast!

Last year's event was great fun. Please join us—bring your family and friends and support local writers!

Updated Hours for the Downtown Library and Genealogy & Local History Library

Beginning October 1, 2025, the Downtown Library and Genealogy & Local History Library hours of operation will change to match one another. The Downtown Library and Genealogy & Local History Library hours are now as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall hours of operation will remain the same.

Things to Know...
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The Library will be closed for the following holidays:
November 11, Veterans Day
November 27 & 28, Thanksgiving
December 24, 25, & 26, Christmas
December 31, New Year's Eve

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Gregory, Philippa. Boleyn Traitor

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Henry, Christina. The Place Where They Buried Your Heart

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Karon, Jan. My Beloved: A Mitford Novel

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Lee, Harper. The Land of Sweet Forever: Stories and Essays

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Lupica, Mike. Robert B. Parker's Showdown

Lustbader, Eric Van. White Wolf: An Evan Ryder Novel

Macomber, Debbie. A Ferry Merry Christmas

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Mallery, Susan. Otherwise Engaged

Margolin, Phillip. False Witness

McDermid, Val. Silent Bones

McFadden, Freida. The Intruder

Michaels, Fern. Code Blue

Miller, Linda Lael. The Silver Hills Boarding House

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Patrick, Phaedra. The Time Hop Coffee Shop

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Penny, Louise. The Black Wolf

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Roberts, Nora. The Seven Rings (Lost Bride)

Rosenfelt, David. And to All a Good Bite: An Andy Carpenter Mystery

Sala, Sharon. Midnight

Sparks, Nicholas. Remain: A Supernatural Love Story

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Todd, Charles. A Christmas Witness

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Bryant, Vanessa. Mamba & Mambacita Forever

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Drummond, Ree. The Pioneer Woman Cooks—The Essential Recipes: 120 Greatest Hits, New Twists, and Perfected Classics

Fox, Michael J. Future Boy: Back to the Future and My Journey Through the Space-Time Continuum

Harjo, Joy. Girl Warrior: On Coming of Age

Hastings, Max. Sword Beach: D-Day Baptism by Fire

Homolka, Gina. Skinnytaste High Protein: 100 Healthy, Simple Recipes to Fuel Your Day

Hopkins, Anthony. We Did Ok, Kid: A Memoir

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Kidd, Sue Monk. Writing Creativity and Soul

Kuehn, Christine. Family of Spies: A World War II Story of Nazi Espionage, Betrayal, and the Secret History Behind Pearl Harbor

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Osbourne, Ozzy. Last Rites

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Scorsese, Martin. Conversations on Faith

Sheen, Charlie. The Book of Sheen: A Memoir

Smith, Sam. Masters of the Game: A Conversational History of the NBA in 75 Legendary Players

Smith, Zadie. Dead and Alive: Essays

Sorkin, Andrew Ross. 1929: Inside the Greatest Crash in Wall Street History—And How It Shattered a Nation

Tapper, Jake. Race Against Terror: Chasing an Al Qaeda Killer at the Dawn of the Forever War

TerKeurst, Lysa. Surviving an Unwanted Divorce: A Biblical, Practical Guide to Letting Go While Holding Yourself Together

Van Dyke, Dick. 100 Rules for Living to 100: An Optimist's Guide to a Happy Life

Weir, Alison. Queens at War: England's Medieval Queens

Winchester, Simon. The Breath of the Gods: The History and Future of the Wind

KidsSpace

Fall 2025 Activities

Stories with Panda Bear
Downtown Library
Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28; November 4 and 18; December 2, 9 and 16, at 10:00 a.m.
Come join us for stories, songs, music, and a snack. This story time is for children ages 2–4. To register, call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

Baby Lap-Sit Story Time
Downtown Library
Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; November 5, 12, and 19; December 3, 10, and 17, at 10:00 a.m.
Bring your little ones for stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun. This story time is for children ages birth to two. To register, call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2836.

Books and Busy Bees Story Time
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; November 6, 13, and 20; December 4, 11, and 18, at 10:00 a.m.
Come enjoy stories, songs, and a fun themed craft! This story time is for children ages 3–5. To register, call (618) 433-2881. Space is limited!

Story Time at Lucy's Playhouse
Lucy Haskell's Playhouse, 1211 Henry Street, Alton, IL
Fridays, September 12, October 10, and November 7, at 10:00 a.m.
Join Ms. Mary Kay and Panda Bear for a fun, interactive story time at Lucy Haskell's Playhouse. Bring your little ones and enjoy stories, songs, and smiles in a charming historic setting!

Trick-or-Treating Story Time
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
Thursday, October 30, at 10:00 a.m.
Join us (if you dare) for an extra-spooky story time on October 30! Stories will be read, crafts will be made, and best of all, we will go trick-or-treating in the library! To register your little ghoul or goblin for this sweet event, please call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2881!

Special Story Time Alert!
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
Thursday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m.
The Alton Fire Department will be making a special visit during our story time on **October 9**! They'll read a story and talk about fire safety in honor of **Fire Safety Month.** We're so thankful for all the important work they do and are excited to welcome them! Limited space is available, so registration for this story time is required. Please call (618) 433-2881 to register.

A RUFF Story Time
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Thursday, November 20, at 10:00 a.m.
Hello! My name is Koda, and I'm a very special therapy dog who loves meeting new friends! If your child loves dogs, you won't want to miss this *pawsome* story hour. My best friend, Ginger, will tell you all about the important work I do. While she reads a story, I'll be there to say hello, get some pets, and maybe even show off a few tricks! I can't wait to see all you nice boys and girls there!

Make-or-Take Crafts
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
Mondays, October 6, November 3, and December 1
Stop by and ask for your free Make-or-Take Craft. Crafts will be available on the first Monday of each month while supplies last.

LEGO Club: Ages 6–12
Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
October 14 and 29; November 4 and 19; December 9 and 17, at 4:00 p.m.
Join us for an hour of building and creating LEGO masterpieces. The library will supply the LEGOs, or feel free to bring your own. Space is limited. Please call (618) 433-2881 to reserve your spot.

Art Club: Ages 6–12
Jacoby Arts Center, 208 State Street, Alton, IL
Fridays, October 24, November 21, and December 19, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Beginner or advanced, express your creativity and have fun making art at Jacoby Arts Center! Supplies will be provided. Wear clothes that can get messy! Space is limited, so please call (618) 433-2881 to reserve your spot.

"Read More Boooooks" Challenge: Ages 3-12
October 1 – October 31
Haunt the library and scare up some good *boooooks* for this year's fall reading challenge. Children can complete tasks on their spooky-themed Bingo card in order to win up to five small prizes and twelve tickets to enter into our drawing for a "big prize!" Patrons have the option to register and complete the challenge digitally, through Beanstack, or they can take home a physical

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version of the Bingo card and bring it to the KidsSpace desk for prizes and ticket entry.

This challenge will run through the month of October. Bingo cards can be picked up and dropped off at Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall.
"Big prize" winners will be drawn on November 1 and contacted by a staff member. Please call (618) 433-2881 for more information.

Family Movie Matinee: Wicked: Part One

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, November 15, 2:00 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.
Before flying off to the theaters to see *Wicked: For Good*, get caught up on what happened in *Wicked: Part One*. For one short day, we will be showing one of 2024's most popular films! Parents are encouraged to view the film beforehand to ensure it's suitable for your children. Please register in advance; Elphaba's future might be unlimited, but our seating isn't! Please call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2822 to register.

A Gift of Peace

Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
December 15 – December 21
This holiday season, give the gift of peace to your fellow man. But don't worry, sometimes spreading goodwill doesn't cost a thing. During the week of December 15, Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall will have one suggestion per day on how you can spread cheer, laughter, and joy around the community.

Holiday Ornament Drop-In Station

Downtown Library
Saturday, December 6, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Get creative and make your very own holiday ornament! Craft supplies are available while they last—fun for the whole family!

Holiday Card Station

Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall
December 8 – December 13, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Make a holiday card to share with someone special! This drop-in station is for children of all ages.

Kids Holiday Celebration

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m.
You're invited to a festive family celebration at the library! Join us for a fun-filled day with Santa, cookies, music, dancing, games, and holiday activities the whole family will enjoy. Come make joyful memories and share in the holiday cheer with your community!

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Drawing

As promised, we will hold a drawing for a special 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten participation basket on Monday, December 29. The lucky winner will be notified later that day. Though there will only be one winner of this basket, we'd like to congratulate all the children who participated in this program throughout the year!

If you're new to the challenge, it's open to parents of children from birth through age four. Join us on Beanstack to get started! Have questions? Call us at (618) 462-0677, ext. 2822, or stop by Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall.

KidsSpace Treasure Hunts

Come to Hayner Library KidsSpace at Alton Square Mall and follow the clues to see what treasures you can find! Treasure hunts will change biweekly.

Dial-A-Story

New stories are added at the beginning of each month. Call (618) 462-TALE (618-462-8253) to listen!

Summer Reading Program 2025 Recap
"Level Up at Your Library"

This summer, young patrons of The Hayner Public Library District leveled up their reading skills during our exciting 2025 Summer Reading Program, *"Level Up at Your Library."*

Children registered through Beanstack, our online reading platform, which helped them log and track their progress throughout the summer. Our KidsSpace staff worked hard to create engaging reading challenges and activities that brought the event to life! Participants enjoyed weekly story times, crafts, games, and live performances from entertainers including Swords & Roses, the Island Princess, Science Heroes, and Marko Polo Music. Weekly prizes and "big prize" tickets rewarded kids for their efforts and kept the motivation strong all summer long.

To wrap up the program, children were invited to a special celebration featuring Celia's Sing-Along Dance Party, free books, and a sweet treat from Mo'z Sweet Treats. Ten lucky participants took home "big prizes," and one received a special door prize!

This year's Traveling Trophy was awarded to Evangelical School in Godfrey for their outstanding participation.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a summer filled with reading and fun. We can't wait to see you next year for the 2026 Summer Reading Program. Congratulations to all our readers on a fantastic summer!

TeenSpace

Fall 2025 Activities

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for ages 12-18 and will take place in the Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room Teen Center on the upper level. Call (618) 433-2872 for more information.

Duck Costume Contest

Decorate a duck for a chance to win fun prizes! Pick up your duck beginning Tuesday, September 2. Drop decorated ducks off no later than Friday, September 26. Voting takes place Wednesday, October 1, through Friday, October 31. Winners will be announced on Monday, November 3. Call Megan at (618) 433-2872 for more information.

Teen Crime Stoppers

October 1, November 5, and December 5, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Calling all true crime and murder mystery fans! Put on your detective hat and join other sleuths to solve a mystery at the library. Participants will work together to examine clues, read case files, and figure out whodunnit. This event is designed for teens ages 13-18.

Comic Chaos

Mondays, October 6, November 3, and December 1, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join us for our first-ever Comic Book Club! Visit our *Comics Plus* database to read the monthly comic book. We will discuss the plot, characters, arc, and overall enjoyment of the comic. At the end of each meeting, we will vote on which comic we would like to read and discuss next! For the title of the first comic book, call Megan at (618) 433-2872.

YA Fridays

Fridays, October 3, 10, and 24; November 7 and 14; December 12, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come hang out with other teens in the TeenCenter! We will have crafts, video games, and other fun activities.

Draw to Impress

Wednesdays, October 22 and November 12, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun drawing challenge where you randomly pick two words and creatively combine them into a unique piece of art!

Teen LEGO Challenge

Wednesdays, October 29, November 19, and December 10, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Do you love LEGOs? Bring a friend and come join other teens to create complex builds and win prizes!

Expressive Art

Fridays, October 31, November 21, and December 19, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

In Expressive Art, you will be given a canvas to paint something meaningful to you! Once dry, the canvases will be hung up in our TeenCenter. Before Summer Reading starts next year, we will hold a special art gallery to show and celebrate your expressive art pieces.

TeenTober

October 3, 10, 15, and 24, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TeenTober is a nationwide celebration hosted by libraries every October. TeenTober aims to celebrate teens, promote year-round teen services, and highlight the innovative ways teen services help teens learn new skills and fuel their passions in and outside the library.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Wednesday, October 8, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

What types of programs do you want to see at your library? Come be a part of the Teen Advisory Board, which makes decisions about new programs and events for teens at Hayner Library!

Teen Take-Home Crafts

Hayner Library TeenSpace at Alton Square Mall
Mondays, October 6, November 3, and December 1

Do you love making crafts? If so, stop by TeenSpace to pick up a teen take-home craft! Craft kits will be available while supplies last.

Halloween Party

Friday, October 17, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Spooky season has arrived! If you love all things spooky, join us for our Halloween party! Dress up in your Halloween best for a chance to win our costume contest prize! Along with a costume contest there will be games, pizza, music, and a fun time with friends. Costumes should keep it fun for everyone–nothing too gory, no weapons, and keep it respectful. Call Megan at (618) 433-2872 for more information.

Five Nights at Freddy's 2 Movie at NCG Cinema

NCG Cinema, 160 Alton Square, Alton, IL
Sunday, December 7, Time TBD

Do you love scary movies? Did you enjoy *Five Nights at Freddy's?* Well *Five Nights at Freddy's 2* is coming to NCG Cinema! We will have a limited number of tickets available, so be sure to call and register. Each ticket comes with popcorn and a drink. Call Megan at (618) 433-2872 to reserve your ticket or for more information. Please note, *Five Nights at Freddy's 2* has a rating of PG-13.

Ugly Sweater Party

Saturday, December 13, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Calling all teens! Put on your favorite ugly sweater or make your own, and join us for music, games, prizes, crafts, cookies, and good company. We will also have a holiday gift exchange! Gifts are encouraged but not required. Gifts are to cost no more than $10. This event is all about spreading holiday cheer and having fun. Call Megan at (618) 433-2872 for more information.

Holiday Wrapping Extravaganza

Wednesday, December 17, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tired of boring and pricey holiday wrapping? Join us for our first-ever Holiday Wrapping Extravaganza! Just bring your gifts and your hands–we'll provide the rest! We've got wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, tags, and gift boxes ready for you. Enjoy a cozy holiday movie and great company while you wrap your presents. Want to bring your own wrapping supplies? That's totally fine–come wrap, chat, and make new friends! Call Megan at (618) 433-2872 for more information.

Holiday Card Station

Hayner Library TeenSpace at Alton Square Mall
December 1 – December 31

Make a holiday card to share with someone special by visiting Hayner Library TeenSpace at Alton Square Mall any time during the month of December.

Teen Summer Reading Program 2025 Recap

"Level Up at Your Library"

This summer, teens across the community stepped up to the challenge of "Level Up at Your Library," our 2025 Teen Summer Reading Program!

Using Beanstack, our online reading platform, participants registered, logged their reading, and completed challenges throughout the summer. We had a record-breaking forty-five teen participants this year—surpassing last year's total! Together, they earned 365 badges, submitted twenty book reviews, and read an impressive 357 books.

Throughout the program, teens engaged in creative activities, connected with peers, and discovered new books and genres. Our teen services staff worked hard to create a welcoming, inclusive space where everyone could find something to enjoy.

Participants took part in interactive games, hands-on crafts, weekly Beanstack challenges, and a celebratory end-of-summer party! Craft highlights include:

- Dragon eggs
- Tetris magnets
- DIY board game lazy susans
- Controller button coasters (voted teen favorite)
- Mario diamond art stickers

Game nights were equally popular, featuring:

- Grannies Bingo
- Live-Action Monopoly
- *Five Nights at Freddy's* Live-Action (voted teen favorite)
- Giant Board Game Night
- Giant Twister

We wrapped up the summer with a lively party featuring a live-action murder mystery event with Happy Faces Entertainment, along with snacks, prizes, free books, and time to share favorite reads.

Congratulations to all our amazing teen participants for making this year's program such a success! We can't wait to see you next year for the 2026 Teen Summer Reading Program.

New in Our Illinois Room

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Branching Out 2025: Genealogy Classes

The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library offers Branching Out classes at the Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL. Branching Out classes take place on the second and third Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

On the second Thursday of each month, library staff presents a discussion of a genealogy research topic.

On the third Thursday, we gather around the fireplace, and everyone gets a chance to share family stories, photos, and projects. We learn from each other and have some laughs too!

October 9 - Uncover Family with Cemetery Records

October 16 - Discussion Group

November 13 - Heroes in Our History: Military Records

November 20 - Discussion Group

December 11 - All That's Fit to Print: Newspaper Research

December 18 - Discussion Group

Branching Out classes and discussion group meetings will continue throughout 2025. Just getting started with genealogy and not sure if these classes are right for you? Call or email the Genealogy and Local History Library to schedule an individual appointment. We will review your information and help you determine what to do next. Call (618) 462-0677, ext. 2892, or email genealogy@haynerlibrary.org.

Vintage Voices 2025

Vintage Voices, now in its twenty-fourth year, will continue its tradition of guided walking tours in the Alton Cemetery on the first two weekends in October: 4, 5, 11, and 12, from noon until 2:30 p.m. Tours will leave from the main gate of the cemetery (at Vine & 5th Streets) every fifteen to twenty minutes. A non-walking tour presentation will be held at St. Mary's Middle School, 1015 Milton Road, Alton, IL, on Sunday, October 5, at 5:00 pm.

Gail Drillinger will portray Jane Watson Bassett (1881 – 1968). Bassett was the head librarian of Hayner Memorial Library from 1925 to 1952. Born in Arkansas, she attended Alton public schools as a child and graduated from Miss Bristow's Boarding and Day School in Covington, Kentucky, and from the St. Louis Library School. She began working at Hayner Library several months after finishing library school and retired due to ill health twenty-seven years later.

Wendy Adams will portray Harriet Isadore Robinson (1884 – 1972). Robinson served as Director of Music and Choir Director at Union Baptist for sixty years. She also directed the Uganda Chorus. Robinson was elected to the board of the National Association of Negro Musicians and reestablished the Alton branch of that organization. For many years, she operated a beauty shop in the Commercial Building on East Third Street.

Reinhold Gossrau (1845 – 1916) will be portrayed by John Kirkpatrick. Gossrau was a prominent Alton musician and businessman. He was born in Germany and came to Alton in the 1860s, where he immediately joined the Maennerchor singing group. He later was the leader of both the Maennerchor and the White Hussar Band. He was also one of the founders of the Alton Germania Building and Loan Association.

Debbie Maneke will portray Bertha A. Neermann Yoxall (1878 – 1964), who was in charge of the ready-to-wear department of the Gates-Clark Dry Goods Co. Later in life, she married William Yoxall, Superintendent of Western Cartridge Co. Both Bertha and William set up charitable trusts that have benefitted the Alton area for the last sixty years.

Latasha LeFlore-Porter will portray Dorothy H. Scott (1914 – 2002). First Lieutenant Scott was a member of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, nicknamed the "Six Triple Eight," the first and only all-Black female unit to be deployed overseas during World War II. Scott graduated from Alton High School in 1940 and went on to Illinois State Normal University before enlisting in 1942. After the war, she taught elementary school in Alton. Scott is buried at Jefferson Barracks, but her parents, Daniel Holiday Scott and Elizabeth Julia Jenkins Scott, as well as seven siblings, are buried at Alton Cemetery.

Cary Langley Waples (1895 – 1918) will be portrayed by Caleb Kelehan. Lieutenant Waples was killed in a military aviation accident in San Antonio when he was twenty-three years old. His body is interred in the Mausoleum. Waples will talk about World War I and war horses on the Bowman and Job Farms in East Alton. More than 250,000 horses were brought in from the midwestern and western United States and shipped out of the East Alton stockyards to Europe during World War I.

Sean Williams will portray Joseph Henry Price (1854 – 1922). Price worked for library benefactor John E. Hayner, was a janitor at City Hall, and was a fireman for the lead works. Price was a Mason and was a member of the G. T. Watson Lodge No. 2 in Alton. He was a member of the Hunter Republican League Club – a local African American Hadley Club – and involved in the Alton School Case. He and his family lived for many years at 1901 Alby Street.

Virginia C. Quigley (1860 – 1944) and Alice E. Quigley (1860 – 1944) will be portrayed by Diana Kay and Jean Heil. They were twins who were never apart until Virginia died in April 1944. Alice missed her desperately and died that September. They were descendants of Cyrus Edwards, were members of St. Paul's Episcopal, travelled all over the world, and in later years lived in Loretto home on Prospect.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students ages 6-18. Tickets for the cemetery tour can be purchased online at https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/vintagevoicestours/tours, at Picture This and More at 17 East Broadway, Alton, IL, or at the main gate of the Alton Cemetery at least thirty minutes before the tours begin.

Tickets for the non-walking tour can be purchased online at https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/vintagevoicestours/vintage-voices-non-walking-performance or at Picture This and More at 17 East Broadway, Alton, IL.

The characters and themes of this year's tours were carefully selected by the Vintage Voices steering

committee. Hayner Genealogy & Local History staff members provide research packets to the actors on the decedent they will portray. Actors write their own scripts and really do a fantastic job. The Hayner Genealogy & Local History Library also serves as a repository for Vintage Voices ephemera, such as a complete set of the program booklets and many of the scripts written by actors over the years. All of these items are available to see in the library.

Proceeds from the Vintage Voices performances support the continuation of the event, upkeep of the Alton Cemetery, and various community organizations, including Hayner Library. Please come out to see our history come alive!

State Senator Erica Harriss to Host Summer Traveling Office Hours at Hayner Library

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
Wednesday, November 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

State Senator Erica Harriss will hold traveling office hours at Hayner Library in November. Traveling office hours are a way for Senator Harriss and her staff to assist residents with a wide variety of services, including navigating state agencies and connecting residents with available resources on state government-related issues.

DAR "FRIEND-RAISER" Open House

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Saturday, November 8, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Ninian Edwards Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Genealogy & Local History Library invite you to our annual DAR Open House. We will have experienced researchers available to guide you through the DAR application process. Don't think you have a soldier in your family? There's also the more general category of "Patriotic Service," which includes things like members of the Boston Tea Party, doctors and nurses rendering aid to the wounded, and even ministers who gave patriotic sermons and encouraged patriotic activity. Admission is free, and registration is not necessary. For any updates, please check the Ninian Edwards DAR Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/NinianEdwardsAltonILNSDAR

Genealogy & Local History Library Holiday Open House

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Saturday, December 6, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for the 2025 Genealogy & Local History Library Holiday Open House! Genealogy & Local History Library employee Reneé Johnson creates an absolutely beautiful Victorian-inspired holiday wonderland, and we will have cookies, lemonade, and a brand-new Genealogy & Local History Library puzzle to put together in front of the fireplace. Enjoy the decorations, create family history crafts to take home, and purchase your copy of the rhyming picture book *Alton ABC*! Staff members will also be available to help you think about ways to connect with your family history during holiday gatherings.

Special Events at Hayner

All library special events are funded by grants and/or private endowment. Photos may be taken during library programs. Your enrollment in our programs will be assumed as your consent to allow the library the right to use these photos in promotional material.

Join us for our Fall 2025 special events. These events are great for all ages, and they're all free of charge! Most programs require registration. To register, please call 1-800-613-3163.

REMINDER: Program registration often fills up and rolls over to a waiting list. If you are not going to attend a program for which you are registered, please call 1-800-613-3163 and let us know. We will fill your reservation with a name from the waiting list.

Broadway Show Tunes with Jared Hennings

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Come join one of our area's favorite performers, Jared Hennings, as he presents a captivating musical cross-section that features a variety of Broadway shows, including *Brigadoon, Ain't Misbehavin', Fiddler on the Roof, Showboat,* and more. This fun-filled evening will be a toe-tapping good time!

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

X's and Sews: A Crafting Program

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Tuesdays, October 14 and 28; November 25; December 9 and 23, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Calling all crafters! Pack up your portable projects and join us for X's and Sews—a laid-back crafting program where your creativity meets community. Bring whatever you're working on—whether it's embroidery, knitting, crocheting, drawing, scrapbooking, cross-stitching, jewelry making, origami, quilting, woodcarving…you name it! Enjoy relaxing music, conversation, and the company of fellow crafters. If your craft can be transported with ease, we'd love for you to bring it along and create with us. We cannot wait to meet everyone and see what you are working on!

No registration is necessary.

Haunted Hayner: History & Hauntings

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Patrons ages eighteen and older are invited to join us as we discuss the history of Hayner Library, why Alton is so haunted, and talk Ghosts 101 with the gang from Alton Odyssey Tours. After, guests are welcome to stay and do some ghost hunting! The event will start in the Genealogy & Local History Library and end in the Downtown Library on Belle Street.

The Hayner Public Library District

Ghost hunting equipment, courtesy of Alton Odyssey Tours, will be provided to use during the tour, but feel free to bring your own, as supplies are limited.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program. Registration will be limited to forty people.

Fall Reading Retreat

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Friday, October 17, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Get cozy at our Spooky Reading Retreat—a perfect autumn evening to curl up with eerie tales and immerse yourself in fall vibes. Whether you're a horror lover, mystery fan, or ghost story seeker—or none of those things—there's something for every reader! Feel free to browse our shelves ahead of time to pick out your next read before you arrive.

While you're here, enjoy fall-themed treats and warm drinks, craft your very own ghost garland to take home, and settle in for some quiet, relaxing reading time. You're welcome to chat with fellow readers about what you're currently reading or share your favorite spooky stories from the past.

Not sure what to read? Clear up your "to be read" list, pick out a new book, dive into that long read you've been putting off, or explore a few short stories. If you need inspiration, take a look at the library displays as you enter. This open house-style event allows you to come and go as you please—whether for a short visit or the entire time.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Historic Building Tour – Alton Area Landmarks Association

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Saturday, October 18, 10:00 a.m.

For fifty-three years, the Alton Area Landmarks Association has invited the public to view some of the most historically and architecturally significant homes and buildings in Alton at their annual Historic Building Tour. This year, Hayner Library is hosting the AALA as they present highlights from the 2025 building tour from the comfort of the Genealogy & Local History Library. Learn about the fascinating and varied histories of the homes and buildings featured on the 2025 tour.

Seating is limited. Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Connie Martin: Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals on the Underground Railroad

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Join historian, retired teacher, and Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Connie Martin as she explains the meanings, interpretations, and connections of plantation songs, or Negro Spirituals, used in regions of the American South that signaled signs and tips that aided freedom seekers as they headed to Canada. These powerful, sacred songs, derived from the heart of the enslaved Africans, were a melodic outflowing of religious expression, passion, and the hope to be free. Negro spirituals, as originated in America, tell of sorrow, trials and tribulations, secrecy and hiding, and hope for a sense of community.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Hayner Cookbook Club

Kick Off the Cozy Cooking Season with Fan Favorites

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, October 21, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Cookbook Selections: *Eat Like a Gilmore* and *The Official Harry Potter Cookbook*

Calling all foodies, book lovers, and pop culture fans! Join us for a magical and heartwarming gathering where the kitchen meets Stars Hollow and Hogwarts. We'll dive into charming recipes inspired by *Gilmore Girls* and *Harry Potter*, share bites, and swap stories over coffee and Butterbeer.

Whether you're Team Lorelai or Team Hermione, there's something delicious for everyone. Browse themed cookbooks, pick your favorite recipe to make at home, then bring your dish (and recipe!) to share with fellow fans. Cozy vibes, fun chats, and even a little trivia await!

Costumes or cozy sweaters welcome—but not required!

To participate, stop by the Circulation Desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, choose your favorite recipe from the cookbooks on display, and register on the sign-up sheet.

Holiday Cookie Exchange at the Library

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Cookbook Selections: A sweet variety of cookie cookbooks

Join us for some sweet holiday fun! You're invited to the Holiday Cookie Exchange at the library! Whether you're a seasoned baker or just a cookie enthusiast, this is a great chance to share holiday cheer through baking.

Everyone will have a chance to sample, swap, and take home a delicious variety of holiday treats. We'll provide festive packaging supplies, music, and plenty of warm holiday cheer.

Let's make the season a little sweeter—together!

To participate, stop by the Circulation Desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall during the month of November, choose your cookie recipe from the cookbooks on display, and register on the sign-up sheet. Plan to bake two to three dozen cookies to share. Don't forget to bring a copy of your recipe!

Poe and Irving – An Evening of Recitations with Anne Williams

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m.

With the lights turned down and the Gothic-style architecture of the Genealogy & Local History Library adding to the ambiance, patrons are in for an atmospheric treat as Anne Williams, historic interpreter and performer, will recite dramatically, from memory, several works by the author Edgar Allan Poe as well as an excerpt from another October favorite, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, by Washington Irving. Poe's stories will include *The Tell-Tale Heart, The Black Cat, The Raven,* and others. Anne has shared the authors' stories and poems with audiences at historic sites in New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, and regionally in Missouri and Illinois. She has worked with the National Park Service, St. Louis Public Radio, and many historic sites on various projects, including dramatic recitation of literature and historic speeches, creating and performing in short plays, reconstructing historic events, film narration, and a complete audio production of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol.* Anne has collaborated with Ballet 314 and Opera Theater Saint Louis.

Please note – Because this program is presented entirely from memory, concentration by the performer is critical. In order to assist with this, this program is limited to patrons aged thirteen and older.

Seating is limited. Please register for this program by calling 1-800-613-3163.

Yarn Bombers Workshop: Fall Pumpkins

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, October 22, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Grab your lattes, pull on your Uggs, and join the Riverbend Yarn Bombers for a fall pumpkin workshop! No materials or experience? No problem – the Yarn Bombers will bring extra supplies and the skills to help you learn new techniques and add new projects to your repertoire.

All skill levels welcome, and space is limited! Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Writers Circle

For the novice and the experienced: Join us for a writing prompt to get creativity flowing and receive constructive feedback from your peers in a guided group discussion.

The focus genre of our Writers Circle will change every month, so be sure to check in!

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program. Registration is limited to ten people.

Eerie Edition
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, October 25, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

NaNoWriMo Open Writing Session
Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Saturday, November 29, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Adult Fall Scavenger Hunt

October 1 – October 31

Join us for our 2025 Adult Fall Scavenger Hunt! Hayner Library patrons ages eighteen and older can enter to win fun prizes by participating in a scavenger hunt around town and playing themed word games! Patrons will receive a raffle ticket for each item found in the scavenger hunt and an additional five raffle tickets for each of the word games completed.

This program will run through the month of October. The winners will be drawn on November 1. Prizes include a fire pit, a ghost hunting kit, and a fall gift basket.

Register at the Circulation Desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall or the Downtown Library starting October 1!

Ed Wheatley: From St. Louis to Cooperstown: Baseball Legends Born and Made in the Gateway City

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Tuesday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Come enjoy an evening with award-winning author and film producer Ed Wheatley as he discusses his newly released book, *From St. Louis to Cooperstown: Baseball Legends Born and Made in the Gateway City.* This book explores St. Louis baseball players within the Hall of Fame, including legends such as Hornsby, Dean, Musial, Gibson, Brock, and many more.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Here Lies Lovejoy – A History of Elijah P. Lovejoy's Life, Death, and Memorial

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Wednesday, November 5, 6:00 p.m.

Journalist, newspaper editor, Presbyterian minister, and abolitionist, Elijah P. Lovejoy left his mark on Alton and American history in both life and in death. For nearly 188 years, since Lovejoy's murder at the hands of an angry mob, his gravesite and memory have been entrusted to a group of individuals dedicated to ensuring his legacy remains relevant today. This presentation will discuss the life of Elijah P. Lovejoy, the trustees of his grave, the story of the Lovejoy Monument, and the fascinating history and evolution of the group now known as the Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial Board.

Seating is limited. Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Adult Murder Mystery Game Night

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Thursday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to solve a cold case? If so, this program might be for you! Join us at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, where you and other crime-fighting enthusiasts will collaborate to analyze distinct clues to solve a cold case. Participants will examine crime scene photos, newspaper articles, witness statements, and more. Please note that this program has a registration limit of twenty participants, so don't delay—call today!

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Taps & Tomes: Hayner Library's Book Club at The Old Bakery Beer Company

The Old Bakery Beer Company, 400 Landmarks Boulevard, Alton, IL
Thursday, November 13
Social Hour: 6:00 p.m. Book Discussion: 7:00 p.m.
Title: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

We'd love for you to join us for a drink and discussion of our November book selection, *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Our social hour starts at 6:00 p.m., with the book discussion beginning at 7:00 p.m. Participants are welcome to join us for both the social hour and the book discussion or just the discussion. The Taps & Tomes book selection can be checked out at Hayner Library and is also available through the Libby digital platforms. No registration is required.

John Lynn: Main Street, Illinois

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Performance Room
Thursday, November 20, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

John Lynn, referred to as "the walking encyclopedia of Illinois" by WGN Radio, has photographed every one of the 2,400 cities and towns in the state. Additionally, he has hiked, biked, and paddled enough historic and scenic trails, roads, and rivers in both America and Britain to circle the globe. Main Street, Illinois, is a memorable and fun-filled tour of the charms, traditions, and personalities of our Illinois towns.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Gift-Wrapping Open House

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall Multipurpose Room
Friday, November 21, and Thursday, December 11, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Need a cozy spot to wrap your holiday gifts? Join us for a Gift-Wrapping Open House at the library! We'll have a relaxed space set up where you can wrap in peace—no peeking eyes, no tape disasters, and no stress.

We'll provide a selection of wrapping supplies, including paper, ribbons, scissors, and tape (while supplies last). Feel free to bring your own materials or extra supplies to share with others.

Have extra supplies at home but can't make it to the event? We will gladly accept donations ahead of time! Just drop them off at the Circulation Desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall before the event to help someone else wrap in style.

Bring your gifts, your wrapping skills, and your holiday spirit—we'll provide the festive atmosphere!

An Afternoon with The Riverbend Community Orchestra

Alton Square Mall, JC Penney Court
Sunday, November 23, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a musical afternoon with The Riverbend Community Orchestra. The Riverbend Community Orchestra is formed through the combined efforts of the Alton Youth Symphony and the Alton Symphony Orchestra, ensuring a welcoming space for musicians of all skill levels. These musicians perform free concerts at various venues throughout the Riverbend area.

The Riverbend Community Orchestra will bring a full symphonic concert highlighting the many connections between literature and music.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

The McAtees: A Holiday Musical Performance

Benjamin Godfrey Chapel, 5800 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, IL
Sunday, December 7, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come spend the afternoon with Alivia and Jason McAtee as they sing some of your favorite holiday hits at the historic Benjamin Godfrey Chapel.

Alivia Levi-McAtee is a proud graduate of Lewis and Clark Community College's music department, where she now serves as adjunct voice faculty. Deeply passionate about helping others discover the power and beauty of their own unique voice, Alivia believes that "music is the language my soul speaks." She has performed with numerous ensembles, including the acclaimed Lewis and Clark Concert Choir, and in 2020, she founded the Porch Café Band, an energetic and soulful cover group born during the pandemic that performs regularly throughout the region, spreading joy through music.

Jason McAtee is a seasoned vocalist and multi-talented musician. He has toured nationally as the lead tenor for the gospel group Soul'd Out and has since made a name for himself as a professional sound engineer and producer through his company, McAtee Productions. Jason initially joined Porch Café as the band's sound engineer but quickly found his place on the stage, playing bass and sharing lead vocals alongside Alivia.

Now married and living in Godfrey with their two children, Jason and Alivia share a deep love for music and for each other. Their passion for creating and performing is woven into their everyday life, making every performance a genuine reflection of their connection and artistry.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Eugene Jones Baldwin: A Long Night's Journey into Day

Genealogy & Local History Library, 401 State Street, Alton, IL
Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for Eugene Jones Baldwin's lecture on his newly published book, *A Long Night's Journey into Day*. Eugene Jones Baldwin is a journalist, poet, playwright, and musician. Recent publications include *A Black Soldier's Letters Home: WWII* (with James Killion III), and *The Genehouse Chronicles*, stories of nature and people of his native Alton. His plays have been produced in New York, Chicago, and regional theaters around the country. *Water Brought Us and Water's Gonna Take Us Away,* commissioned by the National Park Service about the Underground Railroad in Illinois, was produced in 2002. A writer/producer for the 1990 National Tuskegee Airmen Oral History Project, Gene recently published a story in *The Telegraph* of Jerseyville's Tuskegee Airmen, George and Arnold Cisco.

From the author: My book was born at the funeral of civil rights pioneer Josephine Beckwith, whom I had interviewed for *The Telegraph*. Judge Duane Bailey approached me and told me I was going to write about the history of Alton in the fifties, a subject about which I knew nothing. I told Judge Bailey I was the wrong color. He replied, "There is no color in justice." In that same year, my great-great grandfather, William Holman Jones, a conductor on the Michigan Underground Railroad and friend of John Brown, spoke to me in a dream: "I have a story to tell." James Baldwin, whose collected works are on my nightstand, speaks to me every night. Five years and countless interviews with families of civil rights leaders later, *There is No Color in Justice,* a personal journey, really is finished. This is that story.

Please call 1-800-613-3163 to register for this program.

Illinois Libraries Present

Hayner Library has partnered with Illinois Libraries Present* to bring you exciting, high-profile virtual events featuring bestselling authors and nationally recognized presenters. These events are 100% online, so you can attend from the comfort of your own home – or wherever you'd like!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. – Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode
As the highly anticipated sequel *Wicked: For Good* approaches, we'll reflect on what makes the story so meaningful to Bode and audiences around the world. Bode will also share personal stories and insights from her time on stage, the challenges and rewards of being part of an iconic production, and what the future holds for her career.

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. – Kenji López-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science
Join award-winning cookbook author, *New York Times* food columnist, and Serious Eats director J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking insights, techniques, and foodie exploration.

Registration is required to attend these virtual events. Find registration information and more for each event on our Events Calendar at www.haynerlibrary.org.

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Cold Weather Crafts

As the weather cools down, we tend to spend more time indoors. Combat cabin fever with Cold Weather Crafts! Available this fall and winter, October through February, Cold Weather Crafts are take-home craft kits for adults. A different craft will be available every month during this time. These kits are limited and are first-come, first-served. Stop by the Circulation Desk at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall at the beginning of each month to get yours!

Banned Books Week

October 5 – October 11

For the last forty-three years, Banned Books Week has brought attention to the rising number of challenged books in schools, libraries, and bookstores. Each year, the ALA (American Library Association) and the Banned Books Week Coalition tracks the number of challenged books, releasing a list of the most challenged books of the year to increase awareness about censorship.

This year's Banned Books Week theme is Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights. Stop by Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall or the Downtown Library during Banned Books Week, pick up a banned/challenged book from one of our displays, and read for your rights!

Visit ala.org/bbooks to view current banned books and censorship data, look through the Top 10 lists, and more.

Little Art Show: An All-Ages Community Art Show

Join Hayner Library and Jacoby Arts Center in celebrating community and the joy of little things with a showcase of little artworks created by you!

Starting in October, you can pick up a little canvas at any Hayner Library location or Jacoby Arts Center (while supplies last). If you'd like to supply your own canvas, please feel free to do so as long as it meets the size requirement. Create an artwork on your little canvas in any medium, whether it's paint, collage, mixed-media, markers, found objects, or something else. Then, when your little art is complete, drop it off at Jacoby Arts Center no later than November 30.

No art supplies? Stop by one of our Little Free Art Libraries and take what you can use! They are located at Alton City Hall, Milton Schoolhouse, Jacoby Arts Center, Olin Park, and the Boys and Girls Club of Alton.

The exhibition will be showcased at Jacoby Arts Center from December through February, then at Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall through March. Jacoby Arts Center will host a closing reception with live music and light refreshments. The exhibition and reception are free to attend and open to all.

Requirements:

- All art must be on a canvas no bigger than 4 inches x 4 inches
- All art must be family-friendly (no nudity, weapons, swear words, etc.)
- Completed artworks must be dropped off at Jacoby Arts Center no later than November 30

Exhibition:
December through February: Jacoby Arts Center
March: Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall

Closing Reception:
Friday, February 6, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Jacoby Arts Center

Food for Fines: October Fine Amnesty Program

Do you have some Hayner Library materials that got lost under the couch or in the trunk of your car? Food for Fines is an excellent opportunity to return those items to the library and avoid the accrued fines. From October 1 through October 31, patrons with overdue Hayner Library items can pay their fine with a canned food item. The library will donate the food items to Crisis Food Center in Alton.

Library materials must be returned with food donations, at least one food item per overdue item. Only Hayner Library materials are eligible. Only non-expired, non-perishable food items are eligible for Food for Fines.

Of course, even if you don't have fines, please feel free to donate items to help others in our community. Fine amnesty is a great way to support critically important community organizations such as Crisis Food Center—and it is also an excellent opportunity to return "lost" materials to the library so that other patrons can check them out. Thank you for your support!

The 2025 Illinois Heartland Library System Library Crawl

October 1 – October 31

The Hayner Public Library District is happy to announce our participation in the Illinois Heartland Library System's seventh annual Library Crawl. There are nearly 200 libraries in this year's crawl! Participating in the Library Crawl is easy. Pick up an IHLS Library Crawl passport from any Hayner Library location, have your passport stamped by at least five participating libraries, and then return your passport to any Hayner Library location for a chance to win our grand prize drawing.

All participating patrons who visit a Hayner Library location will receive a small prize (while supplies last). To show off where you have traveled, use #IHLSLibraryCrawl2025 on social media!

The IHLS Library Crawl is a fun way for patrons within the Illinois Heartland Library System to visit other libraries and experience the vast array of library programming, collections, and services available in our state.

Please note: Hayner Library cardholders can pick up and drop off their passports at any Hayner Library location. All other IHLS member library cardholders should pick up and drop off their passports at their home libraries. Only Hayner Library patrons are eligible to win our grand prize drawings of $50 gift cards to The Old Bakery Beer Company, Post Commons, and Bakers & Hale.

November is National Novel Writing Month!

During the month of November, writers are encouraged to focus on the *length* of a work rather than *quality*, attempting to write a complete rough draft. Nearly 400 novels written during National Novel Writing Month have been published by traditional publishing houses, including *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, *The Darwin Elevator* by Jason M. Hough, and *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern.

Each Sunday in November, Hayner Library will host a Writers Open House for those who want to participate in the challenge. Feel free to come and go as you please. We will provide a quiet space to write, writing tools, and refreshments; just bring along your ideas!

Sunday, November 2, 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 9, 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 16, 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 23, 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 29, 10:00 am – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 30, 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Recycle Your Outdoor Decorative Lights at Hayner Library

January 2 – January 31

Is your basement, garage, or attic filled with tangled ropes of non-working holiday or outdoor string lights? If you've been hanging on to string lights with missing bulbs, burned-out sockets, or frayed wires because you don't want them to end up in a landfill, but you're not sure what to do with them—bring them to the library!

During the month of January, drop off your old holiday or outdoor string lights at the Downtown Library or Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall, and we'll make sure they get recycled. Stop by the library, toss your lights in the recycling bin, and you're all set (maybe check out a book on your way out the door!).

This program is a great way to ensure that the copper, plastic, and glass in your old lights are given a second life and don't end up in a landfill. Patrons who recycle their lights will receive an eco-friendly bookmark (while supplies last)!

Wreaths Across America 2025

Wreaths Across America is a grassroots movement that began in 1992 by Morrill Worcester, a Maine businessman. The organization's mission, "Remember, Honor, and Teach," is carried out by wreath-laying ceremonies in cemeteries in all fifty states and beyond. The organization spreads its message about the importance of *remembering* the fallen, *honoring* those who serve, and *teaching* our children the value of freedom and sacrifices made by veterans and their families through wreath-laying ceremonies and other coordinated events.

Thanks to local volunteers, this organization and its mission have been active in Alton since 2007. On Saturday, December 13, 2025, our community will participate in this year's national WAA event. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Alton National Cemetery, 600 Pearl Street, Alton, IL.

In 2024, through generous community donations, 560 wreaths were placed on the gravesites at our local national cemetery. Every dollar donated helps ensure that each veteran is remembered. You can help continue this tradition by donating to Wreaths Across America, P.O. Box 3081, Alton, IL 62002. The cost of each wreath is $17.00.

Once again, our local WAA effort hopes to offer a limited number of wreaths for families or friends to honor their veteran loved one at other local cemeteries. These wreath reservations may be made starting Tuesday, November 11, 2025, through Monday, December 1, 2025, by calling Sue Fitzgerald at (618) 530-1430.

Please consider supporting our community in carrying forward this mission, and join our nation in honoring our veterans, many of whom forfeited their own holiday celebrations for all of us.

For more information, call or email Margaret Hopkins at (618) 570-8804, or hopkins1014@sbcglobal.net.

To learn more, visit the WAA website at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org or follow their Facebook page, Wreaths Across America-Alton.

Mango Languages

Want to learn a new language? Hayner Library now offers Mango Languages, an online resource for self-paced language learning with over seventy world languages, including ESL (English as a Second Language) and ASL (American Sign Language).

Available as an app or from your desktop, Mango adapts to your unique learning style, so you can pick up on new vocabulary, intuit unfamiliar grammatical structure, and train your pronunciation, all while boosting your cultural IQ. Lessons include a mix of reading and listening activities – with native speaker audio – as well as interactive pronunciation practice that allows you to record yourself speaking and compare it with the target language audio. Similarly, the ASL course allows you to record video of yourself to practice and compare your signing and facial expressions.

For young children, try Little Pim, Mango's video-based language courses featuring Little Pim, the cartoon panda.

To get started, use the QR Code or search for Mango Languages in your app store. All you need is a Hayner Library card!

If you are using the app, create an account, then select "Search for Free Mango" when it asks you to select your subscription. Search by location, select "Hayner Public Library District," then log in with your library card barcode number.

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Hours of Operation

Downtown Library
326 Belle Street, Alton
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Hayner Library at Alton Square Mall
132 Alton Square Mall Dr., Alton
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Genealogy & Local History Library
401 State Street, Alton
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Paint the Town with Little Free Art Libraries!

Hayner Library has partnered with Jacoby Arts Center and Lewis and Clark Community College's YouthBuild program to install five Little Free Art Libraries throughout Alton! Each Little Free Art Library, carefully hand-built and weatherproofed by YouthBuild students and painted in collaboration with Jacoby Arts Center, will be stocked regularly with art books, art supplies, craft kits, and other artsy materials – all free to take and create with! The Little Free Art Libraries will be installed at Jacoby Arts Center (208 State Street), Olin Park (State Street near the intersection of State Street and West 9th Street), Boys and Girls Club of Alton (2512 Amelia Street), Milton Schoolhouse (1320 Milton Road), and Alton City Hall (101 East 3rd Street).

Wowbrary — A Digital "New Book" Shelf in Your Inbox Each Week

Keep track of every new item added to the Hayner Library collection every week with Wowbrary, a free email newsletter. Published weekly, Wowbrary highlights top new books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and even online magazines added to the Hayner Library collection during the week. Browsing categories include "Top 20 Choices," along with other fiction and nonfiction lists for adults, teens, and children. What makes Wowbrary different from generic lists? It only highlights new materials added to the Hayner Library collection. Wowbrary makes new items easy to browse and allows you to immediately reserve any item that strikes your fancy. It is free, published weekly, and can be received as an email or RSS feed. Visit www.wowbrary.org and sign up today!